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Empt(?)	50,000.00
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Charles Letts's Office Scribbling Diary and Note Book for 1907.

Memoranda

Cheques issued by me			£	S	d
Date	No of Cheque	Purpose			
Nov					

17 th	V12593	W.C. Club	1.	1.	0	
18 th	V12594	M.(?)Union	1.	11.	6	
23 rd	V12595	Rent	16	19.	0	
Dec						
1 st	V12596	Sundry expenses	50.	0.	0	
1 st	V12597(?)	Dr Hartridge eye	2.	2	0	
“	V12598	Hobson Bros		20.	0.	0
4 th	V12599	Music for Chdn	2.	8.	4	
7	V12600	Pictures Mrs E		24	3	0
10	V12602	Culleton Heraldic	11.	19.	0.	
10	V12603	Hicks & Son		52.	1.	0
15.	V12604	Criterion Dinner	1	13.	0	
3 rd	W18477	Mr Brooks for Mays		22	11.	0
20	W18479	General expces self		20.	0.	0
22 nd	W18480	Rent of Flat	13.	18.	6	
22	W18481	exmas cards	1.	17.	6	
22	W18482	Gen expenses self	20.	0.	0	
23	W18483	History of Clan	2.	12.	6	
31	W18484	Mr Brooks	22.	0.	0	
31	W18485	Hobson in full		7.	19.	0
14 th Jan	W18486	Dr Macleod Mays	32.	0.	0	
Jan		pd out	<u>326.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>4</u>	
		pd in	350.	0.	0	
			<u>326</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>	
			24.	0.	0	
			<u>200.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>	
			<u>224.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	
Four weeks & Mrs Brooks						
				44.	0.	0
“	Mos rent 0 13.	13	54.	12.	0.	
“	Mos ___ at 20.		80.	0.	0.	
2	“ Col Bosworths 0 16.	16.		<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
			222.	4.	0	
5 th Jan	W18487	self for Sundries & Mrs Brooks	26.	0.	0	
5 th Jan	W18488	Leo Culleton		4.	15.	0.
12	“ W18489	Mrs Brooks	11.	0.	0.	
14	“ W18490	Bagnall for Three Mo		16.	0.	0
14	“ W18492	Mother Monahan		4.	14.	0

16 “	W18493	Gas Bill to Dec	0	12.	6	
16 “	W18494	Harwoods school	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>6</u>	
			64.	4.	0	

Memoranda

London

7 Playfair Mansions. West Kensington. London W.

6th Jan Paid Paid Mrs Brooks in each 11 0. 0.

Date Jan Last Cheque W.18494. 224 0

16 “ carried forward 224. 0. 0.

Date Jan

16 “	cheques against above to date		£.	S.	d.	
			64.	4.	0	
22 nd Jan	W18495 Butcher & Sundry a/c			5.	0.	0
22 “	W18497 Rent Playfair M		13.	14.	0.	
22 “	W18494 Rent Playfair M					
24 “	W18498 Mil Books Hugh		5.	0	0	
25 “	W18499 Trunk self endorsed to Br			<u>10</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>0</u>
			98.	7	0	
26 “	W.18500. Mrs Steele & Household exp			20.	0.	0
26 “	W.20051 Nursing home Mrs Brooks			27.	9.	6
26 ”	W.20052 Dr Macleod		12.	12.	0	
30 “	W. 20056 Elliot Frey Photos		<u>3.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>6</u>	
28 “	W. 20055 Col		162.	4	0	
28 “	W 20055 Col Bosworth			4.	4	0
31 “	W.20057 Mays & Self		15.	0	0	
31 “	W 20058 Harrison & Sons		2.	14.	6	
2. Feby	W20059 Traslove & Hanson for					
	Whos Who		1.	5.	0	
2. Feby	W 20060. Household expenses etc		4.	0.	0	
8. “	W20061. Self for Mays			5.	0.	0s
8 “	W20062. Col Bosworth, Mil Coll		12.	12	0	
8 “	W20063. Marian Rumsey, Dancing		4.	4.	0	
12 “	W20064 Self for Mays			10.	0.	0.
13 “	W20066 20065 cancelled Hugh Rees		2.	0.	0.	
7 Feby	W21051 Self domestic expenses &					
	Drs a/c Theatres etc			15.	0.	0.
13 March	W21052 Sundries household etc		10.	0.	0	

13 “	W21053	Scott & Co one old Bond			
21 “	W21054	___ for Mays	1.	5.	0
		ten for Mays & Scotland	20.	0.	0
21 st “	W21055	Lee Culleton crest	5.	7.	0
			112.	13.	0.
3 ^o April	W21057	Rent for April	13.	13.	0
3. “	W21060	Sundries	10.	10.	0
3 “	W21061	Bagnall	10.	10.	0

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46.9.1.30 April less Three cheques of 3rd(?).

Memoranda

18th Jan Friday Arranged to go tomorrow to lunch with the Stranges at Camberley, Surrey to Dr. at 11.34.
 Arranged to go down by the 11.14 train from Waterloo London and S.W.Ry on Monday to lunch with the Hutton family. Liphook station the place.

Munro artist Pretoria ordered to-day by registered letter ½ doz Mays favourite ___ ___ to her right. ½ of mine full length with Stetson and medals. ½ doz head & shoulders with cap and ribbons, all cabinet size.

Wrote Miss Rumsey to arrange for the childrens dancing lessons on Saturdays and other days.

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London May	purpose and favour(?)		£	s.	d
“	14	Self for Mays	25.	9.	0.
“	“	Hobson Bros	96.	16.	0.
“	“	Pattison & Co	5.	0.	0.
“	15	CPRy Tunisian	94.	5.	0.
“	15	Bagnall C.P.Ry.	12.	10.	0.
“	15	Paulsen Stone & Co.	20.	17.	6.
“	15	Self - ___	10.	0.	0
“	16	Household self	5.	0.	0
“	22	Nellie M Draycott	2.	2.	0
			271.	19.	0.

Memoranda

£. s. d.

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~~Feb~~ ~~y~~ ~~_____~~ ~~For~~ ~~whom~~ ~~&~~
~~Month~~ ~~_____~~ ~~-~~ ~~date~~ ~~_____~~ ~~purpose~~
~~Feb~~ ~~y~~ ~~17~~ ~~th~~ ~~_____~~ ~~Charity.~~ ~~Evans~~ ~~ex~~ ~~MP.~~

Month	date	cheque	Purpose.			
Feb	17	W20067	Pocock for Evans	2.	0.	0
"	21 st	W20068	Can. fur ____	36.	15.	0
"	21	W20069	" " "	6.	6.	0
"	21	W20070	Pattison & co Rent	13.	13.	0
"	22	W20071	Mays & Flora ____	10.	0.	0
"	23	W20072	Self. Household.	5.	0.	0.
"	28	W. 20074	Self for Mays.	10.	0.	0
"	28	W20075	Hugh Rees Lt	5.	0	0
April date purpose No				£.	s.	d.
6	Cr	Horose(?) (Self).				

~~April date cheque in favour of purpose £. s. d.~~
~~" 6th House (self)~~

April	date	cheque	in favour of purpose	£.	s.	d.
"	6	W21062	self House	10.	0.	0.
"	9	W21063	self Mays Mays	10.	0.	0.
"	16	W21064	self Miss Rumsey	3.	3.	0
"	16	W21065	self [undries May]	15.	0	0
"	17	W21066	Pocock (Munro)	3.	3.	3
"	18	W21068	Self Gas ____	4.	5.	5
"	20	W21069	Self Horse for week	4.	0.	0
"	23	W21070	Pattison & co Rent to 23	13.	13.	0
"	25	W21071	Self Mays clothes	10.	0.	0
				74.	0.	8.
26 th	April	Wilkinson	W21072	9.	9.	0
27	"	Self ____ to D	W21073	20.	0.	0
4	May	Self Horse	W21074	4.	0.	0
6	"	Self ____ M.	W21075	15.	0.	0
8	"	self Sundries	W21076	5		
				127.	0	0
				20		
				107.	0.	0.

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Cheques issued by me in London.

Date	Nov	No of Cheque.	Purpose	£.	s.	d.		
17.	“	V12593.	W. E. Club	1.	1.	0.		
18	“	V12594.	___ Union Club	1.	11.	0.		
23	“	V12595.	Rent, Playf M		16.	19.	0.	
1 st	Dec	V12596.	Sundry M(?)	50.	0.	0.		
1 st	“	V12597.	Dr Hartridge	2.	2.	0.		
1 st		V12598.	Hobson Bros Clothing		20.	0.	0	
4 th	“	V12599.	Mrs Chad Music	2.	8.	4.		
7 th		V12600.	Pictures for M		24.	3.	0.	
10	“	V12602.	Culleton Ring Etc	11.	19.	0		
10	“	V12603.	Hicks & Sons.		52.	1.	0.	
15	“	V12604.	Criterion Dinner	1.	13.	0		
3	“	W18477.	Mrs Brooks		22.	11.	0.	
20	“	W18479.	Genl expenses			20.	0.	0.
22	“	W18480.	Rent of Flat		13.	18.	6.	
22	“	W18481.	Christmas cds			1.	17.	6.
22	“	W18482.	Gen expenses			20.	0.	0.
23	“	W18483.	History of M Clan		2.	12.	6	
31	“	W18484.	Mrs Brooks.		22.	0.	0.	
31	“	W18385.	Hobson in full			7.	19.	0.
31	“	W18486.	Dr Macleod		32.	0.	0.	
5 th	Jan	W18487.	Sundries Mrs Brooks			26.	0.	0.
5	“	W18488.	Leo Culleton			4.	15.	0.
12	“	W18489.	Mrs Brooks.		11.	0.	0.	
14	“	W18490.	Bagnall three mos		16.	0.	0.	
14	”	W18492	Mother Monahan	4.	0.	0.		
16	“	W18493.	Gas apt to Dec			0.	12.	6.
16	“	W18494.	Harwoods Sch			1.	2.	6.
22	“	W18495.	Household ex.			5.	0.	0.
22	“	W18497.	Rent Playfair M		13.	0.	0	
24	“	W18498.	Hugh Rees MdB(?)			5.	0.	0
25	“	W18499.	Trunk. Self.		10.	10.	0	
26	“	W18500.	Mrs Steele (self)		20.	0.	0.	
26	“	W20051	Mrs Brooks	24.	9.	6.		
26	“	W20052	Dr Macleod	12.	12.	0.		
38	“	W20055.	Mil Coll Colonel Bosworth			4.	4.	0.
31	“	W20056.	Elliott & Frey Photos				3.	15.

	6.					
31”	W20057.	Mays & Self	15.	0.	0.	
31 “	W20058.	Harrison & Sons Pall Mall	2.	14.	6.	
2 Feby	W20059.	Truslove & Hanson Whos Who	1.	5.	0.	
2 “	W20060.	Household expenses.	4.	0.	0	
8 “	W20061.	Mays – self	5.	0.	0.	
8 “	W20062.	Col. Bosworth. Mil. Coll.	12.	12.	0	
8 “	W20063.	Marion Rumsey Dancing.	4.	4.	0	
12 “	W20064.	Mays Self.	10.	0.	0	
13 “	W20066W20065	Cancelled Hugh Rees	<u>2.</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
			548	13	[<i>torn edge</i>]	

January, 1907.

Brf fwd		£.	s.	d.
		548.	13.	4
Bank				
Cr by(?)	350			
Cr. “	200			
“ “	<u>100</u>			
Total	650.			
Total in Montreal and here.				
	950			
648	<u>648</u>			
	302			

JANUARY, 1907

1 Tuesday

7. Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington

Up at 7.30. Sandow & spring dumbbells until breakfast time. Breakfast at 9 AM. Went out and arranged for typing of the latter from Leo-Culleton Heraldic engraver 92 Piccadilly London W. To me in reference to the Harwood coat of arms and descent also typing the ___ describing all Harwood ___ crest and arms. Went out in the PM with all of the children to see their dear mother still in the nursing institute at 78 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill. W. We took the ___ Ry changed at Gloucester Rd Went to Queens Rd got a large dictionary and CaptMahans works on the Sea Power. Saw Mays at 4.00 left at five (5.) and got home at 6.P.M. Pocock came at 7.15 to dinner and we had a pleasant evening. He left at 11.30. I read & had Sandow & dumbbells until 1.30.

2 Wednesday

Up at 7.30. wrote letters to Auguste about the Canada report of my interview with the paper about the Harwood coat of arms. Forwarded him copies of the papers covering the same for type writing by Miss Harvey. Got letters from colonel Bosworth and the "Canada" paper. The latter made ample apology for the mistake in the interview. I wrote acknowledging it.

Went up town to Lowndes square and took Flora to tea with Miss Earnshaw and Bella. Got home at 6.15. Bagnall tried to get seats for us at the Duke of Yorks for tomorrow afternoon but it was impossible under a week as it is one of the most popular pantomimes Peter Pan. weather mild.

7. Playfair Mansions. W Kensington

3 Thursday

Up at 7.30 AM. Wrote C. H. Harwood J.B. Steele Dr McCulloch, Sent Bagnall for books on strategy to Hugh Rees Ltd. Pall Mall & he got it as well as one of Griepenkerl applied Tactics. Took the children to the Olympia and Mrs Harwood came too. It cost six pence each to go in but more than another shilling apiece to see the different shows. Mrs Harwood took the children home and I went to Notting Hill to see Mays. Stayed more than an hour. She is doing well. I then went to Queens Rd and got home from that station. I saw about some books & paid for the Chien d'or and the pathfinders of the west by Kirby & Laut respectively. Got home at 6.45. Bagnall got the books and a box in the theatre, max - 59°. Min - 49° in room (bed).

4 Friday

Up at 7.30 AM, Sandow & spring grips, Wrote Gus. Frank, mailed registered to Dr Macleod cheque 32 pounds & sixpence stg. Wired Osborne that I would see him re S.A.C. on the 5th at 2.30 P.M. Went up town and bought book for young Morrisons(?) birthday on 5th. Mailed my pension certificate registered attested by Mr Griffiths to-day at 17 Victoria St. Called to see Mays went by Dist. Ry. and returned by the Dist. Went to Victoria St by Dist and then to Notting Hill gate by Distr Ry. Wrote Laidlaw. The Fort Victoria Rd letter from Ringham yesterday. He is at Calgary and well pleased. Mays is steadily improving. Letter from the Earl of Dundonald came at 8.30 P.M. Temp to-day with thermometer on bedside max. 68. Min 30°.

5 Saturday

Up at 7.30 AM. Breakfast at 9 AM. Wrote Captain Crowe(?) Punjaub, India, and at 12.30 started for 34 Portman square W and lunched with Lord Dundonald who had come to town to attend the funeral of Lady Burdett-Coutts with whose family there have been strong ties since the famous admiral Lord Cochrane afterwards 10th earl of Dundonald was sentenced to prison unjustly and his co member of parliament was Sir Francis Burdett had a pleasant chat and advice re the exam & will take it. Lord D. was glad to see me. I came home by the Queens Rd Station of the district Ry and got here at 4.40. Met Mr Osborne of the Morning Post and "Canada" and gave him a few pointers re the SA Constabulary and their good work besides telling him to state in Canada that I do not claim to be a famous scout and do not say that I am to get an appt in Canada. Walker came to see me and took too much.

London

Sunday

Up at 7.30 bath. Sandow & clubs dumbbells (grip) Wrote Major Heaney Post Restante Cape Town, Vivian Steele, Mrs Cassidy, Valetta Hendon N.W. , Capt Kyle, Poste Restante G.P.O. Cape Colony.

Went with the children to see Mays. She had her first outing yesterday in a hansom cab with the nurse. She was pleased to see us and gave us tea and bread, cake and sandwiches. I got a long letter from Glyn who is not going to marry Mrs Bosch of Pretoria. I replied to him and encouraged him as he fears that he must owing to the state of affairs leave SA. I paid Mrs Brooks 11.00 Eleven pounds stg the weeks account for Mays stay in the home. Temp Max 48° Min 31° Sandow at night

7 Monday

Up at 7.30 AM. Sandow & dumbbells. Temperature 34° Min Maximum 42°
Went with the children and Mrs Harwood to see Peter Pan at the Duke of Yorks theatre. All enjoyed it. It is the best Christmas pantomime in London. Got home at 6 PM

Tuesday 8th Jan

Up early. Wrote all morning and in the afternoon walked to Hammersmith and with Harwood took train to Notting Hill. Had tea with Mays and the ladies of the home. Got back at 6.00 PM. Walker was to have come at 8 but did not do so.

Walked to Hammersmith by the Barons Court and came back by the other Rd 19 min to ___ by former 21 by latter. Sandow & bells.

9 Wednesday

Up at 7.30. Mailed letters to Godson, Gus, the latter with Culletons remarks & pedigree of the Lancashire Harwoods & statement of probable expense of tracing pedigree up. Wrote Culleton acknowledging same. Mr Arthur Duncan, Highfield Kingdom, Fifeshire. Mr Burroughs, Norwich, Norfolk England. Wrote Culleton re cause for full coat on paper instead of crest. Informed Henry of it and quoted his remarks to Culleton who I asked to write.

Went to see Mays Mrs Cassidy called, so did her daughter in law and Mrs Choles & daughter. I got medicine the Dr says I have not got diabetes or anything wrong with my ___ kidneys. I walked to Hammersmith, got medicine. Saw about Reggies microscope. Letters from Gus, Madoc and Antoine. Wrote Gus, Antoine and ___ Miller tonight.

7 Playfair Mansions. W Kensington.

10 Thursday

Up at 7.30. Sandow last night, dumbbells also. Temperature min. 41° Max 51°. Wrote Mr William Walker 18. 19 Gt St Helens making enquiries. Col. Madoc J.burg Mother Monahan Stewart Messrs Danson(?) & McCrae(?) refusing the land in N. W. Major Gen. French. Went via the Dist. Ry to ___ Road Stn and walked to 78 Elgin Crescent Notting Hill saw Mays. Paid for two books, the "seats of the knights" and the Golden Dog en route. Found Mrs Harwood there before me arrived at 3.15 and remained until five P.M. The[n] started for home. Met J. J. McHugh on the stairs of the Notting Hill station and had a chat. He is here on business and his wife is expected to come and be here on the 25th instant. Mrs Sewter has a letter from her bro. in which he mentions me.

11 Friday

Up at 7.30 Am. Wrote letter to Gen French, Gus and others. ~~Went to Westborne Grove, thence~~ to Elgin Crescent to see Mays and came home in time to have an early dinner and then go to the Hippodrome intended to go to the Empire but changed my mind after I saw the Hippodrome. It was most interesting. The performing birds dogs, horses, acrobats, and jugglers were marvellously good all admitted. I got a seat behind a german ass who puffed bad cigar smoke about regardless of ladies or his neighbours. This on the dress circle and a chinaman who had more manners. Got home by 11:45 Sandow and spring grip dumbbells as

soon as I got home from 12 to 12.30. Then read tactics until I could sleep.

12 Saturday

Up at 7.30 am. Spring grip dumbbells. Wrote Gen French after breakfast and Godson. Gogarty, Colonel Turnbull Segt Bell. Wrote recommendation for the latter. Mailed to Reggie catalogues of Zeiss Beck and others for microscopes; wrote Dr Macleod ___ & Gogarty, Mr Brooks. Gogarty twice to two different addresses Harry Steel. Mrs Walkers & Dr Macleod. Went to see Mays by the Addison Rd. stayed from 3.30 to five P.M. and walked home by Holland avenue and thence by bus to W Kensington. Mays very well. Wrote Colonel Turnbull, & Gen French. Long Innes and Walker. Sandow and spring grip dumbbells. One hr.

13 Sunday

Up at 8. AM. Breakfast 9 AM. Max 48°, min 38°. Wrote Walker declining to go into any further discussion of speculations with his friends as I am not going to give up my profession. Read Giepenkerls.

7 Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington.

14 Monday

Max 48°, Min 42°.

Up early. Wrote on behalf of George Burroughs late R.I.C. and SAC to Colonel Grasett Chief of Police Toronto. Wrote Gus about shield, about my billet and prospects about the parchment claim of the de Lotbinieres on the home govt for land in UC in compensation for lands confiscated by the USA at the end of the revolution. Called on Mays, walked to Hammersmith then train walked all the way back from Notting Hill in forty five minutes. Paid Bagnall sixteen pounds for his time partly in advance. Arranged for a school for Harwood and saw about dancing lessons. Wrote Mail and Empire about subscn and Gus to subscribe for it. Dear Mays walked from the home to Kensington High Street, too far poor girl. Came back quite fit.

15 Tuesday

Max 56° Min 46°

Went to bed after midnight as usual for years. Up at 3 AM Sandow & grip dumbbells to get sleep also leg practice at 12:15 and 3.30. Read Greipenkerls Strategy at 12.15 to 12.45 and 4.30 to 5 AM. Up at 8.15. Wrote Gus that I had recd Witness. Wrote Gardener of the dancing academy and Gogerty. Got letter

from Gogarty, McIlree and others. Mail to Reggie Swift and sons catalogue of microscopes. Got Montreal Witness at 9. Has full report of our jokes at The Canada dinner. The children practicing at the piano were interrupted by the people upstairs who kept knocking on the floor to stop the practice. Those people are a nuisance. They would soon be in trouble in Canada if they carried on such capers. It is extraordinary how these people live. bed 12. Sandow and dumbbells. Called on Col Bosworth.

16 Wednesday

Up at 7 AM. School commences again today and Flora and Gertrude left for Sacred Heart Convent as usual. Sandow at 7.30 then tub. I wrote eight letters this AM. Mr Glin, Stubbs, Gogarty, Inch Miss Hope Wallace, Insp Camies(?) H.J Fagan Gas Co. H Trueman Wood. Went to see Miss Hope Wallace principal of the Froebel institute. Took Harwood with me to see her and arranged for him to go tomorrow to school. We then walked from the place Challoner St to 78 Elgin Crescent Notting Hill and got there in 45 mins distance 3 miles. Stayed an hour and half and left at 5:15 arrd by train at Hammersmith at 5.45. Took bus got home at 6. P.M. Wrote out Harwoods certificate after dinner took my medicine. Mays very well today.

7. Playfair Mansions. West Kensington. London W.

17 Thursday

Up at 7.30 Sandow & spring grip Dumb bells. Max. 46° min 42°. Wrote Vivian Steele re board in Ottawa for his people in private house or hotel. Cherry is back again, answered Gogartys letter and gave him my opinion as requested. Macleod letter to Gen Sir Redvers Buller GCB, GCMG asking for a certificate to the effect that I can command a column. Harwood went to school quite cheerfully today and looked well. House very quiet with all at school. Went to see Mays at 2.30 arrd 3. Left at 5.15 got here by 6.00 Children home. Harwood well pleased with his school and lessons, came home to lunch. Girls very worrying about school and lessons, they have certainly too much to learn. Invitation from Gen Strange to call and see them on Saturday.

18 Friday

Max 48° Min 32°. Up early. The children off to school at 9.10 too late I am sure. Wired Gen Strange Camberly that I would go down on Saturday tomorrow morning. Wrote Miss Strange to the same effect confirming the wire. Wrote

Godson 217 Westbourne Grove inviting him to dinner tomorrow at 7. Wrote and wired the Stranges that I would be there tomorrow at 11.35 to lunch with them at Camberley. Wrote Stubbs re Pearces letter, he called at 8.30 and we had a long talk over Canada and our adventures in our younger days. Arranged to go down on Monday to Liphook to lunch with the Stubbs family there. Went to see Mays walked all the way there via Addison Rd. Holland Park Ave, etc. Came back by Westbourne Grove. Bought dictionaries for the girls (French) and supplies etc, etc.

19 Saturday

Up early. Breakfast at 8.30. Left for Camberly at 9.10 by tube and the _ and S.W.Ry. Delayed by fogs it took two hours to get there. Met by the general at the station. He was very nice took me to his home. Mrs Strange very pleasant indeed. Mrs Hunt with her. I had a long talk with both over old times, lunched Harry came at four we dined at 8 and I left at 9.55 for London. Harry saw me off. He is returning from the army and taking charge of Friths(?), the great ironmaster of Sheffield and Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, branch of guns factory at a large salary. He is right to leave. If the great people of England cannot afford to pay officers a decent wage they had better keep out of the army. I got home at 12.30 and to bed at 1.00.

20 Sunday

Went to bed at 12.45 read tactics all for an hour and went to sleep and did not wake until 8 AM. Wrote Godson at 9 AM, Mr Theobald "Canada", etc.

7. Playfair Mansons.

21 Monday

Up at 7.30. Sandow. Went down to Liphook leaving Waterloo at 10.05 and arriving at 12.00 no fog, a slow local train. The country around Liphook most beautiful. It is in Hertfordshire, beautiful roads, nice lanes, fine manor houses, old but well preserved churches. Fine fresh looking people and pretty girls all so well mannered. Lunched with Miss Stubbs and her brother and his wife all jolly. Then took a walk around the neighbourhood. A man spoke of Canada to me, he is in Miss Stubbs employ. Visited the old church which has very fine windows of stained glass and is very old. The surroundings are superb. The Holly and ivy hedges are on all sides with many fences. Got home. Stubbs came to town. Wrote letters. Gus, Snider, P. La Prairie.

22 Tuesday

Up early. Wrote letters to Sir R Buller, Sir G Barton and others. After luncheon left for Notting Hill to see Mays who was anxious as I had not been able to go yesterday. I got to Hammersmith in 14 walking and arrived after delays at Notting Hill at 3 PM. twenty minutes from here. Called on Miss Rumsey and had a chat with her about the childrens dancing lessons then saw Mays who is very well indeed poor little woman. Came away at five and got home at 6 am [sic]. Dined and then wrote this up. Wrote manager the National Bank of S.A. and Capt Trew about fifty pounds that should have been cabled to him through Bank of Montreal. Edmonton.

23 Wednesday

Up at 7.30 AM. Wrote letter to Auguste re the "Canada," to Colonel Barker RA. staff Calcutta. India. Rees ltd and othersense(?). Wrote all morning. Went to the Institute at Notting Hill to see Mays. She has a slight cold through the insane habit of the nurse of keeping the windows open all night with the wind howling on weather very cold for here six degrees of frost. Max 42°. Min 24°. Colonel Barker I wrote to for the purpose of getting the necessary certificate of service in South Africa. Left Notting Hill at five PM and got back at 5.45. The children went to school to-day. Mays anxious about their health. I have given them her instructions. Wrote J. B. Bright on behalf of Godson. Wrote several others. Studies History of Tactics, administration, and Gripenkerles [sic] tactics.

7. Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington.

24 Thursday

Up at 8 AM. Did not go to bed until 1. AM. and read tactics in bed until it was time to go to sleep. Flora has a cold. I kept her at home for the day. The earthquake in Jamaica continues much the same. Great excitement of the whole of English speaking people at the stupid action or alleged stupid action of the Gov Sir Alexander Swettenham in asking admiral Davis USA to withdraw from Kingston where he was doing so much good with his Drs nurses and others. Wrote General Sir Geoffrey Barton in reply to his kind letter enclosing a certificate of my qualifications for command. "tactical fitness" Thanking him most heartily for it. [it] really was a most excellent certificate. Went to see Mays. Returned at 6.00 PM. Sandow. Wrote Col Cooper, Gen Strange, Gen Barton.

25 Friday

Up at 7.30. Sandow also developer for an hour. Read from 12 midnight to one A.M. Max last night 30. Min 24°. Wrote Miss Rumsey re the childrens dancing. William Whiteley murdered last night by an alleged bastard son, full account of the rise of the affair the paper people state that he was very immoral. Miss [sic] Harwood , Bagnall and wife all busy getting the flat cleaned up to enable Mays to find all pleasant and fresh when she comes back to us poor little woman. Went to see about a trunk and bought a very good one. Max 38°. Min 32°. Sandow a lot with developer & dumbbells.

26 Saturday

Max 32°~~last night~~. 42° last night min freezing. 32°. Went to get May at the home walked to Hammersmith took train. Saw Miss Rumsey re the dancing of the children. Took a ~~train~~ cab and brought Mays here. Paid Dr. Macleod and Mrs Brooks by cheque on Bank of Montreal London. Got a lot of Military books and began to study.

27 Sunday

Wrote Gus re baggage to Montreal and Colonel W.R. Birdwood H.D.C. Mil Sec. Calcutta re mistake in his rank.

7. Playfair Mansions. W.K.

28 Monday

Temp. 46. Max. Min 32°.

Wired Bank of Montreal, Montreal to give Gus one hundred pounds to pay freight etc. charges on goods from Durban. pd. Col. Bosworth Cedar Court Roehampton for one week from beg(?) the month (4 guineas). Called Birdwood Mil. Sec. Comr in Chief in India. for ___ his certificate and reply pd. Wired C A Harwood (cable) that money sent to-day, wrote Bank of Montreal London for cheque on the Bank Canada for one hundred to be placed a to my credit by Marc(?) S Steele. Mailed cheque to Mother Monahan Sacred Heart tuition Flora and Gertrude at convent. Received Lord Kitcheners certificate of Tactical fitness for command” and cabled Birdwood that I had received it and thanked him.

29 Tuesday

Max 30°. 46° min 32°. Weather fine to-day. Rained last night. Got all my certificates copied by Miss Harvey and official letters typed. Wrote Birdwood and thanked him for sending the certificate of Lord Kitchener on my tactical fitness for command. Wrote a long letter to Mrs Macdonell and advised her to cheer up poor little woman. Letter from Mrs Harvie Orillia, wrote her in reply. Went out shopping with Mays this PM she bought a hat and we looked into a large number of shop windows on Piccadilly and Bond street, as well as the Burlington Arcade. Went by bus and returned by Piccadilly and west Brompton tube to Barons Court. Mays cheerful singing to-night in drawing room. Wrote Col Bosworth that I would not begin until Monday. Wrote Inch also, Mrs Harvie, Sandow.

30 Wednesday

Up early this AM. Did Sandow last night and grip dumbbells a long time. Letter from Colonel Bosworth re books to take. Capt Nash's principles of strategy are asked for. Mailed to Adjt Gen Ottawa Lord K of K's report on my tactical fitness. He states that I shd not be examined for tactical fitness. Requested the letter, I cabled that the certificate was mailed ~~to-day~~ to-day to Adjt Gen at Ottawa. Wrote Mr Osborne after examining ~~their~~(?) his report of the interview he had with me. I added a little re ~~B.P.~~ Gen Baden-Powells book, hints on scouting. I did not make any other alterations. Went up to Westbourne Grove at 2.30 by Dist. Ry Mays came too and bought some things amongst them a sealskin sacque(?) at 35 guineas. We got home at 5.30 PM and dined at 6.30 AM.

7 Playfair Mansions W London
Queens Club Gardens W Kensington
31 Thursday

Max 50° Min 26° yesterday.

Up early. Wrote letters to Staff Sergt Major Dudley ASC ex Capt Control dept SAC. and Mrs. Dudley Col Biggar Canadian AB(?) Corps wrote about Dudley and [*next line*] and I informed the latter to-day. Invited the Dudleys up to dinner or lunch whichever they can come to next week. Wrote Colonel Harry Cooper CMG thanking him for his report. Wrote Major Jarvis Mrs Harvie & C.A. Harwood Montreal enclosing to them copies of the reports of my tactical fitness by Gen Lord Kitchener, Gen Sir Redvers Buller ex Gen Sir Geoffrey Barton, Major Gen. Baden Powell CB, Inspector Gen of Cavalry with instructions not to let the press have anything concerning me. Went up town with Mays. Baker St and Camden Town Alfred Days place.

February

1 Friday

Up at 7.15 max 40° min 28°. Went up town after writing letters. Left for Victoria found Mr Griffiths from home, he went to Liverpool to meet Lord Strathcona who comes from Canada up one of the CP.Ry. Ships. Went to Army and Navy and paid for a ticket for a year and then to Edgeware Road and saw the Canadian fur stores and got price list. Then to Queens Road and got Flora No five shoes (they are after all too small) got home to lunch at 2 P.M. Wrote letter in the P.M. one to Cochrane Isle of Wright, Bruneau Pincher Creek, Whipps (?) Rooikraal via Boksburg Constable Masters a/c also Corpl Cooper who owes Whipps, Gen. Strange, mailed to Godson a lot of letters of introduction, wired Miss Rumsey re children.

2 Saturday

Up at 7.30 Max 37° min 28° in the last 24 hrs Wrote Mrs Theobald in reply to hers enclosing a complaint from our upper flat about the children practicing from 8.30. It is all a pack of his the child can only practice at the outside one and a half hours each and Mays has only sung twice since she returned from the hospital. I went to the office of the buildings and explained this. The secretary was engaged but I saw his assistant. Letter from Castellain to say that he allowed his wife 1500.00 per annum all the time they were separate except after she entered proceedings for a divorce.

3 Sunday

Wrote Miss Rumsey, posted before dinner. Up at 8.30 mailed Gen Strange, Gus (2) James (2) Pocock one. Max 34° yesterday. 29° min. Mrs Theobald called to get us the leaves for the table and to tell me about our neighbours above us she states that they are awfully nasty.

7. Playfair Mansions.
West Kensington. London. W.

4 Monday

Up at 8 AM. had to hurry on acct of not being called in time. Left for Earls court and went to colonel Bosworths school (military college) and started a course in tactics and strategy. I went then through a lot of campaigns. Napoleon against the

Austrians under Beaulieu and the Sardinians under Colli, Napoleon against [blank].

Napoleon against the Austrians in 1805, Ulm and Austerlitz.

Napoleon against Wellington & Blucher, Moreau against Kray, Austrian. Major Boulton is the instructor in this branch. He is the son of Major Gen Bolton of the RA who was Wolseleys second in command R.R. expedition. Went with Mays in the afternoon to Victoria St and swore to my pension papers. To bed at 1 AM.

5 Tuesday

Up at 7.30 AM. To Earls Court at eight Capt [blank] instructor, tactics today and some talk on strategy. Home to lunch got there again at 2.15. Tactics and study of relative merits of Von Moltkes and Napoleons methods of giving battle destruction and defence of bridges attack of same. A useful day. Came out at 4.00 and got here at 20 min walk by ___ and Earls Court roads. Mays & Mrs Harwood out. Mailed a lot of letters to-day. Cochrane I. of W., Bruneau P. Creek re letters claim on Cochrane. Wrote Dudley & Biggar and advised the former to write the latter. Temp Max 40° Min 30°. Some snow. Slushy.

6 Wednesday

Up at 7.30 Max 40° Min 30°. Went to Earls Court. Major Boulton the professor. Studied Chancellorsville. The effect of Mountains and rivers on strategy. Waterloo campaign. Read a lot more. Walked to the place in the morning at night walked back walked there after lunch went home by train for lunch. Discussed the Tugela and relief of Ladysmith Campaign with Bolton, also different generals. Read strategy. Telephoned J.J. McHugh through Bagnall. Mays and Mrs Harwood went to Alfred Days and had the usual adventures re the cars. Wrote last night and mailed this AM. McHugh Laidlaw and Wright sent the latter had a testimonial. Bought capsuloids(?).

7 Playfair Mansions

W. Kensington

7 Thursday

Min 30° Max 40°. Major Bolton the instructor, walked to the institute Earls Court. Strategy all day. Nothing that I had not at my fingers ends already. Hair cut at Hair dressers on T. End Rd. Fine clear day. The Dudleys came up from Aldershot and dined with us, had a pleasant evening. They went away at 11.15 for Aldershot camp. Talked over Canada with Dudley and the Chances of the billet in the AS.C.

there.

Max. [blank]

8 Friday

Up early Max. 32° last night. Min 28°. Wrote Colonel Bosworth and sent cheque for 12.12 to him, attended the college branch and went over some schemes of tactics with Capt. Beke. Came back to lunch and gave up the afternoons class work on strategy to call on the McHughs, a sorry business it was too Mays and I went to all the trouble of going to the hotel Easton by train and then waiting 20 minutes but in spite the fact that there was an appointment made for to-day they were not at home. We got back at 6 PM. Harwood has a bad cold. Wrote Mr David Lindsay. ___ Julia Steele who is here to put her boy in Eton College. She forgets how cool she was to Mays when she called on her during the SA work not recognising her although she had corresponded with her often and knew her quite well. She has offered to present her to the queen but I have written that she does not care about it, and that she has seen and been presented to many of them.

9th Saturday

Up at 7.30 Max 40° min 28°. Went to Earls Court after breakfast to study, Major Bolton there to-day. Came back at 12 noon. After lunch took the children to dance at Ladbroke Grove, walked up to Westbourne Grove and saw about books second hand. Could not get Hamley which I want for the maps. Went in and saw the Children Dancing when I got back to Ladbroke Hall. They were doing well. Got a lot of Canadian letters.

10 Sunday

Mrs. Harwood, children to church.

7 Playfair Mansions W. Kensington

11 Monday

Min 29½ Max. 44°

The studies to-day were Franco German War. Strategical wheel resulting in Battle of Sedan. Jacksons and Longstreets march to turn Popes position. 2nd battle of Manassas – all of above very good. Got home for lunch by train went back by do. Returned by train. The McHughs came to dinner and we had a pleasant evening. They left at 11.30 PM. Sandow, spring dumbbells, developer and 16 pound clubs.

12 Tuesday

Max at 9. AM. 40. [blank] Min 40.

This is the opening of parliament. We all went amidst torrents of rain to the Whitehall and saw the procession at least I did and Harwood who I lifted up. We came back at 3.00 and had a scratch lunch, all hungry and damp. Mr Morrison called to see us at 4.30 P.M. and had tea. I wrote Sir Redvers Buller and the Hon L.G. de Veber senator of Canada, both re the appt to the Staff in Canada. Wrote Jim Henderson, Jim Clarke a short one.

13 Wednesday

Max 45° Minimum 45°

Up at 7.30. Went to Earls Court and studied campaigns of Moreau against Kray and the relative merits of Napoleons plan and Moreaus. Wrote Rees. Ltd 119 Pall Mall and sent a two pound cheque. Mays and Flora went out and did some shopping in Westbourne Grove. Wrote Elliott & Frey in reply to theirs of the 31st to the effect that I am willing to pay full price for the photos but that I cannot have any published.

7. Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington

14 Thursday

Max 40°. Min 40°. Up early. Earls Court at 10. Strategy & tactics, home to lunch, then after to Earls Court. Strategy again example of cutting the line of communications of an army. Campaign of Java 1806. Major Bolton with me to-day and yesterday. Mays got ankle sprained to-day when out shopping. Met the two Oostermans in Earls Court Rd they knew me at once. I went out and got cough medicine and sent ___ for Mays.

15 Friday

Max 56°. Min 36°. Up early. Earls Court. Capt Beke. Those people are strange clear but quite misguided on all practical subjects. These school masters always are failures in practical life either civil or military but we could not do without them. Wrote Col Cooper in reply to his kind note accepted his invitation lunch on Monday next. Wrote Mr Hale Orillia, secy of Canadian club to the effect that could not name a day upon which to dine with them or speak explained that I am no public speaker. Thanked the club for their kindness. Studied tactics in

schemes. Also the Japanese war siege of Port Arthur. Mays ankle improving rapidly. Sandow, dumbbells and developer. Wrote Colonel Cooper Cooper accepting invitation to lunch.

16 Saturday

Max. [blank]. Min [blank]. Up early. Wrote Mrs Jarvis 39 Kensington Gardens Square, Capt Drew of Pretoria re my bank correspondence asking him to tell the bank manager that I had found out all about the fifty pounds written about and regretted that I gave him so much trouble. Wrote W M Wright 8 Davenport Rd Calford S.W. to come on Saturday next.

Went to Earls Court and studied the campaign of Java 1806. The supply of an army by sail in 70-71, as well as the use of magazines of supplies in war. The children went to the dancing class.

17 Sunday

Up at 8.45 AM. Max 48° Min 45° yesterday. Wrote Gen Byng, Arthur Duncan. C.A. Harwood to the latter to ask him to have the pianos repaired and tuned. Two others sent Franks there and Mays fixed up and stored either in the case or not according to which it is best to do, the cases to be kept.

7 Playfair Mansions.
West Kensington. London W.

18 Monday

Max 50°. Min 48°. Up early. Strategy all morning. Went to lunch in the 1.30 PM. with Colonel Harry Cooper, late base comdt at the Cape during the Boer War at the United service club and met there Major Gen. Benson a Lt Catherines Canadian Insp Gen of remounts, Major Gen Ewart war office staff. After lunch the Col. hunted up Gen Nicholson of the army council so that I could meet him. Had a pleasant time and came home and in time to meet Minnie Boyd and Hilda Stevens my nieces who lunched to-day with Mrs Harwood. Canadian mail came in. I wrote Dr Steel Abergavenny, Antoine, Reginald, Trew, Col Sherwood, Gus, Harwood, Burroughs, sent the latter particulars of passages, land in Canada, etc.

19 Tuesday

Up early. Wrote Dr Roger Pocock & Capt Gregory, Bloomfontein. Had sent Pocock 2.£ for a man named Evans who had been with me in the early days. Gave

Miss Harvey some typing to do. Tactics of sorts at the Earls Court branch of the College, Military, of Roehampton. Got back at 4.45. Rain today. Wrote Miss Harriet Steel. Mays accepted invitation to dine on Friday with the Morrises and to tea on Thursday at Westbourne Grove with Miss Julia Jarvis(?).

Mr. Dick of 25 Charleville Rd called and spent the evening. He was in SA SA war and is in business & here ever since.

20 Wednesday

Max 50 Min ° 42

Up early. Earls Court and organization until one o'clock and in the PM went shopping with Mays to Edgeware Rd. Mays and Mrs Harwood in the morning to town shopping. Gave ex const Williams a letter to a society to help him to a passage in the spring to Canada. Wrote to Dr Harwood Edmonton to inform him of Swifts prices for microscopic lens. Enclosed Swifts letters. Wrote up and read my Mil books and cut leaves of some. I have a good lot now. The children have too many lessons. Flora in particular it is simply cramming. Went to Edgeware Rd with Mays and bought a seal skin sacque for 35 guinea and a muff at 6 guineas. Poor little girls it is time shops got something nice.

7. Playfair Mansions
W. Kensington.
21 Thursday

M Max. 40° Min 36°

Up early. Strategy. Salamanca. Victoria Pyrenees. Retreat of Massena from Torres Vedras. Lunch at 1.30 Wrote some letters. One to Sir F. W. Borden enclosing therewith the letters of Barton, Buller and Lord Kitcheners certificate of tactical fitness for command. I went out with Mays in the afternoon to shop and also take tea with Miss Jarvis at the Whitelys Tea Rooms Queens Rd. a friend of Miss Jarvis who has been in Canada was with her, Mrs Phipps. We spent a pleasant afternoon and came back to the flat. Colonel Turnbull dined with us at 7. He had great bother in finding the place. He looks well and was very nice creating a good impression.

22 Friday

Max. 40°. Min 36°. Sandow. Wrote Mays cheque for ten pounds. Did not go to the Mil. Coll to-day. Wrote up diary & letters. Mays, Mrs Harwood, Flora shopping all forenoon returning at 3.30 P.M. Wrote to Antoine enclosing my copies of certificates of my "tactical fitness for command", Bg Gen Byng to thank him for his letter from Canterbury, Gogarty about his shoeing smiths who wish to

go to Canada. The passenger agent CP. Ry. Capt Swift in reply to his. Henry Evans who was helped by self and Brock Shawnigan Falls P. Que. Miss Steel Dyne houses. Dined at the Morrisons in the evening, quiet, no guests but ourselves. Left at 10.30 and retired at 12.15.

23 Saturday

Max 40°. Min 28. 28° Sandow.

Up early. Letter from Colonel Thompson 7th D.G. answer in the afternoon. Wrote, Culleton re Mays monogram. Wrote Gilbert Stevens & the editor of Canada making an appt with the former and sending money for the papers [crossed out: in the m] Mays wrote Lady Strathcona in the afternoon re calling and condolence. At Earls court today. Strategy. Peninsula. Letter from Madoc. Mays wrote Mrs Spain, to say that I am engaged on Sunday next.

24 Sunday

Max 50° min 28°. Called with Mays in the afternoon on the Morrisons, the Elins, Mrs Elin is ill, but the daughter was “at home” called on lady French and met her daughter Mrs O’Doherty both charming and glad to see us. Pocock met us on the way home. He supped with us.

7. Playfair Mansions
W Kensington. London.

25 Monday

Up early. Went to Earls court and studied demolitions, entrenchments, etc. After lunch wrote letters to Adjut 7th D.G. re trip to Canterbury, Gilbert Stevens, C. Harwood and the letter of Sergt W. Mitchell I attended to. The whole of the children went to school and Mays and Mrs Harwood went shopping and did not come back to lunch. Wrote James B. Steele, asking him not to invest Mr Harwood’s capital, only the profits to be reinvested.

Mays & Mrs Harwood shopping. I got letters from many people, Jarvis, Henry Steel, the adjt of the 7th dragoon Gds, Mrs Cassidy, Col Wishart and Pocock each an invitation to dinner. Mr Arthur Duncan Highfield Kingdom Fifeshire.

26 Tuesday

Up early. Max. 52. Min 45°. Did not go to Earls Court wrote replies to all of my

letters busy all day. Mays and Mrs Harwood out shopping all day. Asked Henry Steel and son to lunch tomorrow at 1.30. Wrote him and had Bagnall telephoned. Invitation from Mr Hawkins to view the king passing at 11. AM. Wrote Mrs Boyd ~~asking him his~~ telling her where the address of the Evans cancer specialists is, in Cardiff Wales. Went to bed early. Sandow. Clubs. dumbbells & developer.

27 Wednesday

Up early. Did not go to Earls Court. Wrote Bolton & Beke to the effect that I would not until Saturday next. Went to 13a Cockspur St to see the King pass to open the new law courts. Met Mr Hawkins & mother. Mrs Harwood and Mays with me. Met two other ladies and had a very pleasant chat. Came away at 1.30. Henry Steel and son came to lunch and seemed to enjoy themselves. Saw them off to the station of the Dist Ry. Wrote letters and received many.

7. Playfair Mansions
West Kensington
28 Thursday

Up early. Max. 56° Min 46°

Wrote letters. Did not go to Earls Court. Wrote Mrs Madock [*sic*] Mother of Colonel Madoc of the S.AC stating that Mays and I will call on her next Sunday after four o'clock. Wrote Williams ex SAC. 36 William St Stratford on Avon. Wrote Sergt Mitchell SA.C. about soldering in Canada. Wrote three notes to M T.D. Hawkin Atlantic Union, also wrote an enclosed cheque for five £ four and three pence & wrote Bank Manager Bk of Montreal for a cheque book and a few blank cheques the latter on the Bk of Montreal Canada. Sent Bagnall with it and he got cheques as requested.

Mays Mrs Harwood & I called on Lord & Lady Strathcona and met Mrs Howard there. Lord S told Mays that she was going West (N.W.) and told me that he spoke for me in Ottawa. Very kind of him for I did not ask him. All enjoyed call.

March

March 1st Friday

60-305 [*handwritten by Steele due to length of last entry*]

Min 4 30°. Max 50. Went to town with Mrs H and Mays. Wrote letters in the forenoon. Went to Edgeware Rd. shopping not successful. Also went to a place in near the bank early and saw bankrupt store all poor. Came home at six P.M. all of

us tired mentally and dissatisfied [*sic*].

2 Saturday

Up early. Max 60° Min 50°.

Went to Earls Court and had a lecture in bridging said goodbye to Bolton. Wrote letters all afternoon. The children to school and dancing lesson. Mays went to Westborne Grove in the morning. I persuaded her to stay at home all day.

I dined at the Savage Club at 7 with Pocock Lord Alverstone in the chair. A very pleasant evening. Mark Hamburg played the piano also George de Launy of Paris. Got home at 9.00(?) to bed at 12.30. Wrote several letters one to Burroughs with letter of I.

3 Sunday

Max 60. Min 50. Wrote Sir FW Borden and sent to him my mail Lord K^S certificate of tactical fitness to command wrote Cartright, Jarvis as well. Mays & I called on Mrs Maddock [*sic*] & daughter 22, Addison Court Gardens. W Kensington London W had pleasant chat.

7 Playfair Mansions.

4 Monday

Max 50° Min 40°. Letters from Hess Glynn and Gogarty. Wrote Col Bosworth saying that I cannot at present attend the College and thanking him and his staff. Dr Mc Culloch, Gilbert and Hilda were here last night. The two called for supper they left at 8.15 the ___ at 11.00. Went to High Comrs office but Mr Griffith was [*sic*] unwell and did not come to the office.

Mrs Harwood Mays and I went to the Empire to see the ballet Madame Sans Gene danced beautifully and the whole show was good. We stayed until the end and enjoyed the evening very much. Got home at 12 by the Piccadilly and Brompton tube, and went to bed after reading some letters.

5 Tuesday

Up early. Max 50°. Min 46°.

Went to Victoria and found Mr Griffith at home in the office. He took my declaration. Got home at noon wrote comptroller enclosing my pension certificate. Mailed yesterday letters to Madoc and Mr J P Haas also Colonel Bosworth, Cedar Court, Roehampton Piccadilly. S. W. thanking him for the course at his college.

Mailed personally & registered my pension certificate to Ottawa.

6 Wednesday

Max 52. Min 46.

Up early. Wrote Mrs. Macdonell. Wrote several others. Went out with Mays and called at a Masseurs. Arranged a call. Called on Ms Elin to see if well. She is not well enough to receive. We merely called to enquire. Met Sir George French on the street. I dined with the Kings Colonials at the Cecil at 7.45, had pleasant evening. Was guest of Mr. John A Macdonald. He spoke of Rainy Hollow in the Dalton Trail also of the claims Jarvis and other had there. I came away at 12.30 got home at 1 AM. Met several Australians Canadians New Zealanders and English, sat beside the Colonel.

7 Playfair Mansions
West Kensington / London W.
7 Thursday

Max. Min.

Wrote Jarvis twice re Empire and McBeans claims. Wrote Mrs AR Macdonell about her claim on the Empire. Jarvis to get McBean to give me a power of attorney to sell the whole of this property at a fund rate or to raise the price if I saw fit. Mrs Macdonell to do the same and send P of A. Jarvis and McBean to write at once and to cable all right. No delay. Wrote Godsall and Cowdry the mining claims of Kootenay the subject. Wrote John A Macdonald that I will go and see him to-morrow. Mays went out. Sandow and dumb bells as usual.

8 Friday

Max 50 Min 46°. Up early. Sandow at night. Went to Arundel St Strand W C talked over the mines with Mr John A Macdonald, and he said he would do something with it when I got the particulars. Went to the Alhambra with Mays and Mrs Harwood and had a most enjoyable evening, the ballet being magnificent in the extreme. One was the Queen of Spades and the other ~~L'amore~~ L'amour. The costumes were superb. The juggling was good. Got home at 12 by the tube all enjoyed it. Children well. Flora has a slight bother with chillblains. Wrote several letters.

9 Saturday

Up at 8.30. did not sleep well. Max 50°. Min 46°. Wrote Jarvis re Empire and Mr McBeans claims and asked him to get certificates from the Gold Comr. Wrote Milton Martins about land also to MacDonald of Arundel St. Strand about land warrants of CMR and Strathconas Horse. Wrote Hugh Clark Frank Harwood & Miss Fitzmaurice inviting the latter to bring her cousin with her. Mays and the Children to dancing school at Ladbroke Grove. Wrote A Belcher Balham Rd Park W. Pocock and Culleton ordering from latter paper ___ with crest and mon [10 Sunday] monogram.

10 Sunday

Up early. Max 50° Min 50°. Mays, Mrs Harwood and the children went to church. I wrote to J A MacDonald enclosing the speech of Marcel Forbes Colonel, Kings Colonials. Wrote Prof. Paul Lind.

7. Playfair Mansions
W. Kensington London

Up early. Max. 56°. Min 36°.

Wrote Hugh J Macdonald asking him to advise me re Steele. Wrote him a private letter too. Wrote R de L. Harwood, Frank Harwood, Antoine Harwood, Dr Sam Steele, Leo Culleton, Miss Grace Miller, another to Frank, J.A. Macdonald. Got letters from Grace Miller, Laidlaw and others. Mays and Mrs Harwood went to the dressmaker. Got the Militia Gen orders with the list of officers who passed the promotion exam. Cameron failed and also Strange. There must have been others also. I am also gazetted as having complied with army order 27 in tactical fitness for Command.

12 Tuesday

Max 48°. Min 46° Up early. Wrote lots of letters. Went to the dinner (mess) of the London Artillery Volunteers Col Chambers Col Stollery, second in comd. I was guest of Lt Col Wishart and had a pleasant time. I sat beside the chief of the metropolitan police. All were kind. The Lord Mayor Sir W. Treloar on the chairmans right as chief guest. The O.C. of the brigade on his left. The ___ Sherrif and the Marshalls were present. Colonel Morrison was there also. I got home at 11.30. Went with Mays up town.

13 Wednesday

Max 54°. Min 42°. Up early. Busy all day. ~~Went to the Brompton Rd with Mays~~ and Dined with Henry at night at Cecil. Left at 12.05 got back at 12.30. Met Mr Martin of the Blaenavon iron works. He believes in conscription, protection of British manufactures etc. Hates German and Yankees very much. Met Arthur Davis who got a pain in his stomach, recommended brandy and pepper sauce which cured him.

7. Playfair Mansions
West Kensington. London.
14 Thursday

Up early. Max Min Fine day but some wind. Went up town with Mays to the shop of Madame Elsmere to try on dresses. I went to a dentists. Mays found another and went to him. Home to lunch at 1.45. up to Oxford circus. Saw Mrs Spain and her husband. Then went by tube to Piccadilly Circus. Took wrong train first to Regent went back to Oxford. Then tube to Piccadilly. Thence to Old Bond Street left Mrs Harwood & Mays there and went to Hobsons 53 Piccadilly and there I got two suits tried on left Hobson order for a nice mess kit etc. Returned to 27 Old Bond Street and when the ladies had done came home. Mailed Brights letter to Godson. En route.

15 Friday

Up early. Max. 50°. Min 32°. Read the Star to Mays. She and I went to the Belchers at 3.30 PM via the West Brompton station of the ~~City~~ London and N. W. Ry. had change at Clapham junction and went 20 minutes. Arthur Belcher met us at the Station Wandsworth and we went home with him, had a good time there stayed until 9.30. Left by the 9.55 train changed at Victoria to Dist Ry and got home in three quarters of an hour from the time we left.

16 Saturday

Up early. Max 52°. Min 46°.

Wrote letters to Belcher Canada and Belcher Wandsworth Common saying that we enjoyed our visit yesterday.

The children went to their dancing lesson as they did not care to see the boat race Oxford vs Cambridge. Mays and I left we got on the West Kensington and unfortunately I got out at Hammersmith and I did not see Mays until she came to our hostesses home 48 the Mall. I took cab to there and saw the boat race poor

little Mays it was a shame but she was quite cheerful and although she missed the boat race through my stupidity in [17 Sunday] getting out at the wrong place she said nothing only laughed at me. She looked well.

[17] Sunday

Max 49½° deg. Min 40°. Wrote T.W. Wright. Danby Lyndhurst. Mr Greenwood Barn__

[*Top of Next Page*] Manager of Bank Pretoria. Dixon.

18 Monday

Up early. Max 54° Min 46°. Gogarty called gave him advice as he goes to Calgary. George Johnston, Pearce & Loughheed I gave him letter to introduce him. Went with Mays to tea with Bella Earnshaw 10 Culross St near Park St Grosvenor Square. Got back by Tube at 6.45. Wrote and mailed letters to Gus.

19 Tuesday

Up at 8.00. Max 54°. Min 35°.

The "Suevic" that we came from Durban on ashore. Sorry for poor Capt Jones. It is his last ship as he intended to retire. Went up to 53 Piccadilly and got clothes tried on. Mays went to the dressmakers & the dentists. Mays Mrs Harwood and I went to the Hippodrome and sat in the stalls until the performance was over got home at 11.30 P.M. The acrobats and contortionists were wonderful. A giantess from the Tyrol 8 feet in high [sic] weight 350. an exceedingly ugly woman, her sister a normal girl was with her.

20 Wednesday

Min 42°. Max 50°. Went to Hobsons Bros and tried on mess suit and good ___ overcoat. Left one to be altered (Hicks & Sons)

Highfield, Kinghorn Fifeshire

21 Thursday

Left London Kings Cross Stn at 10.00 and passing through Stamford, York, Durham, Peterboro and Newcastle crossed the Tweed into Scotland for the first time in my life. From there through Durban to Edinburgh where I arrived at 6.30 PM and was met by Arthur Duncan. We went up town saw Scotts Monument

Princess St walked accross [sic] the new bridge passed the monument on the same and on up the old high street to S Giles Cathedral. It had just commenced to rain a lot we returned to the station took the train for Kinghorn and arrived in an hour. Met Miss Duncan and had dinner there met George Duncan a young lawyer. Sat up until one AM 22nd.

22 Friday

Highfield Kinghorn Fifeshire, Scotland. Up at 7.30. Breakfasted with Miss Duncan and then later took the train for Dunfermline and saw the abbey Bruces grave under the Pulpit Robert the Bruce, there is a brass plate with a knight in full armour on it over the grave. Walked through the park, looked at the windows of the old abbey and passing over the brook climbed the hill and went by the house of the original owner of the park. This is Andrew Carnegies town and gets 25 000 pounds per annum to improve it. Got home at 6.20 passing through Inverkeithing we went up through Aberdour the property of the Earl of Morton. The castle is a ruin the earl has a seat near.

23 Saturday

Left for Stirling with George Duncan and on arrival walked two miles to the field of Bannockburn and saw the Bore stone where Robert the Bruce hoisted his Standard after the battle. We then walked to the cathedral which is divided into two churches stood in John Knox pulpit and the receptacles for holy water and in the other church which is used by the richest people we saw where Mary queen of Scots was consecrated and her son James the 6th. Went to the castle and saw the monuments. It is a military depot. Saw the monuments ~~then~~ went to the ___ saw all of the Mts and the monument to Wallace and where the ladies of old sat to see the jousts came through Inverkeithing and saw the old Market Cross.

Sunday

Church. Park. Golf links Kinghorn loch. Burnt Island [next page] and sea monument to shew where Robert the Third and last Scottish King died by falling from the cliff and Burnt Island then dinner. Supper and tea.

Kinghorn 25 Monday

Monday up at 7.00. Walked three miles to the Lang Town of Kirkaldy or Kirkaady

as it is locally called. Walked ~~around the~~ park saw the pond. The old mill and the place of Ferguson of Raith. Then by the tramway to the outskirts. Arthur with me. George remained in town which is the chief linoleum town of the empire. George and I walked to the farm of Mr Young a large tenant farmer on the estate of Balfour of Newton Don. The farm is named Lockity Side(?). Balfour of Balbirnie is a country gentleman near here. We passed the land once owned by the Earl of [blank] who married a rich actress and got from her £10000(?) for it. Were very kindly recd by the Youngs and got lunch and high tea, saw the chickens the barns and oat stock the incubators then the fields the coal mine and the kiln for pressed brick. Got home at 6.30 all greatly tired. To bed 1 am.

26 Tuesday 85 280

Tuesday. Up at 7 AM for Saint Andrews and changed at Cupar the county seat of Fifeshire at 10.50 Leuchars at 11.05 arrd St Andrews at 11.35. Saw the United College then the other. They are helped by Carnegie. Scarlet gowns are worn and are becoming. Then the castle. The Bottle Dungeon the room in which cardinal Beaton was done to death. Where the martyrs were burned to death the window out of which the cardinal watched the auto da fé and from whence his body dangled later on to show the people that he was dead. Visited the Pens. The ruined Cathedral. The east and west port. Lunched and got home at 6.30.

27. Wednesday. 86. 279.

Up early left Edinburgh by morning train Arthur with me. Crossed the fine bridge over the Forth. Went to holyrood palace and saw that whole of it. Mary Queen of Scotts (sic) bedroom her supper room, her dressing room the ruined chapel. The banqueting hall with the ___ pictures of the Scottish Kings painted by the yard by a Dutch painter. Went by the Canongate and saw John Knox House, the Cathedral of St Giles, the law courts, the castle, the room in which Mary of Lorainne died and where her body was left unburned for some time. Saw the armoury and the celebrated Mons Meg. Saw the spot [next page] in Holyrood where Rizzio was assassinated saw the monks walk. Saw Knoxs pulpit and the window from which he preached. Saw the great hall of the Scottish Parliament. Saw where Kirkaldy of Grange was lowered from the castle after a long siege.

28th Thursday

Took train with Arthur Duncan at 7.20 and arrived at Glasgow in a fog at 9.40 AM we were met by the Misses Duncan, Cousins of the Highfield Duncans and by them we were shown the city hall, the art gallery, the university the statue ornamental to the 71st highland light infantry. Miss Duncan went home and we then went to lunch at a fine restaurant. The people here are larger than those in

Edinburgh. Took the trams the train out to Maxwell Park and had tea with Mrs Duncan and ___ who saw us off and were very kind. I drank tea out of the cup which had been used by Sir John Moore. Got home at 7.30.

Friday

Up early and with George went to Falkland Castle and Falkland House owned by Lord St Ninians. This is the old hunting seat of the Scottish Kings and next are their coats of arms. The castle was being restored when the late Marquis of Bute died. Here in the village Richard Cameron Covenanter was born and Rob Roy once occupied the castle. In the castle is the dungeon in which the Duke of Rothesay was starved to death and from it escaped Robert. [*Blank*] who got to Stirling. Then Duff Thane of Fife had his castle Strath I am shown is a valley with stream.

~~April 30th Saturday~~

Got home in good time, we had to drive in coach two or three miles to and from Castle. Falkland Palace is the name of the castle.

~~April 30th Saturday~~

Pillar with the name of Mary Queen of Scots mothers name on it was at Falkland Palace. The arms of the Scottish Kings and their Queens were to be seen. Rob Roy had his boots mended in a house here and threatened the bootmaker with death when he refused to do so.

Saturday. 30th April [*sic*]

Left early. Saw Lindons Loch near the house of Maitland of Lindons Newburg at 10.35 Stopped at Thornton, train packed with people [*next page*] as it is an excursion. Abernethy at 10.40 where I saw the round Pictish Tower in good presentation. An ancient British camp is near. Saw Bridge of Earn a spa with well not far off. This part is hilly but nice looking houses of rougher stone.

Sunday, Mch 31st

Went to church with Arthur and George Mr Younger came with us, he is a ___ man who lost a lot by the Glasgow bank. Saw the Gallery afterwards and looked over to Inch Keith.

April

Monday ~~March~~

April 1st

Up at 4.20. Rung the girl up breakfast at 5.45. Left with Arthur and George for Aberdeen. Passed through Dundee on the Tay bridge where the dreadful accident took place years ago. Got to Aberdeen at 10.30. Went to the Fish market an enormous well kept place with thousands of tons of fine fresh fish piled up ready for London. We then called on Miss Younger at the infirmary, she was too tired to come with us. Her brother missed the train. We then went to the Gordon College saw Wallaces Gordons and Burns monument. That of the fifth duke and first colonel of the Gordon Highlanders. Thence to Marischal College where Dugald Dalgetty was educated went up in the town. From there we went to the Machar Cathedral a very old place the transept of which was destroyed by the reformation wave. Several very old effigies of bishops and a brass casket of marble to the 1st Scottish poet of note. The Frasers of Fraserfield are interned here. We then went to Kings College and over the Chapel a beautiful building and through the Geddes library. Saw Lord Strathcona's cup for the vol riflemen. We then walked to the auld Brig of Balgownie and looked into the Don, walked to the new bridge took train for town and got a good lunch then around the town to the Brig of Dee by the street cars or trains. Thence to the train and left at four o'clock.

2nd April 1907. Tuesday.

Up at 5.00 Rung up the girl. Left at 8.00 for Kirkald. George and Arthur saw me off. Said farewell to my kind friends and after a long day arrd in London at 7.30. Bagnall met me at the train.

Wednesday 3rd

Up early wrote letters all day.

4 Thursday

Sandow as usual. Up early. Wrote letters all day. Took notes of them. Sandow at night.

Friday 5th April 07

Up early. Sandow in the morning. Went up town. Saw Macdonald at 7 Arundel Street Strand met colonel of volunteers there, a nice man then after a chat about reciprocal tariff in The Empire and the claims at Rainy hollow Dalton Trail went to No 6 Adam St Adelphi and saw Roger Pocock and Colonel Driscoll of Driscolls Scouts, D.S.O. I had a half hours chat and then came home. Mays and Mrs Harwood shopping. They did not get back until night. I called at 17 Victoria St today and Mrs Lindsay. Julia Steele called with her son Crawford who is at Eton, left a lot of papers with Miss Harvey. Sandow at night.

6th April Saturday

Up early. Sandow in the morning, had a bath then as usual. Gave Miss Harvey some more typing. Wrote letters all day and recorded them, filed for Lord Strathcona copies of all of the reports of Generals under whom I served in the Boer War. Also set aside a copy for Antoine, Gus and Reginald.

Saturday 6th

Friday

Sunday 7th

Wrote letters. Mays and the children went to church Mrs Harwood and the rest of us stayed at home. I wrote many letters. Sandow.

Monday 8th April 1907

Up early and Sandow as usual morning and evening. Colonel and Mrs Lewis called on us and had a pleasant chat. They are coming for three years and have their boys with them to study civil engineering and banking respectively. Max 50°
Min 40°.

Tuesday 9th.

Sandow as usual. Up early. Got letters from Major Jarvis and powers of attorney from Mr McBean and others to sell claims at the Empire.

[*top of page:*] Back in London on 2nd
Tuesday 2nd April

~~To my kind friends and after a long day arrived here at 7.30. Bagnall met me at Kings Cross, had warm welcome.~~

~~Wednesday 3rd April~~

~~Up early. Wrote letters all day.~~

~~Thursday 4th April~~

~~Up early wrote letters all day took notes of them.~~

~~Friday 5th April, 07.~~

~~Up early. Went up town saw Macdonald and then Pocock. Met Drescoll of Drescolls Scouts. Came home at 2.30. Julia Lindsay called to see us. Mays not home yet as she was shopping. I went to Victoria Street in the forenoon but Griffiths was away and will not be back until Tuesday. Lord Stratheona was out. Left Sir R Bullers, Gen Baden Powells and Brigadier Gen Barkers certificate of my fitness at Miss Harveys (typist) to copy. Got them back all right tonight except that in Sir Redvers Bullers one was spelt wrong. Sandow.~~

~~London 6 April
Saturday~~

~~Up early. Sandow as usual and got Miss Harveys maid to give her Sir R Bullers certificate to copy correctly. Wrote letters. Gave all to Bagnall to post of those written in A.M. Paid weekly bills.~~

~~10 Wednesday~~

~~Up early Sandow and clubs. Wrote letters to Godsall & Jarvis re the Empire McBeans claims, the Macleod mine, etc. Went to the clock office and saw McDonald about sale of Empire and the Macleod Mine came back at 4. P.M. Mays and Mrs MacdonHarwood to the dentists and the dress makers at 2.00. Rain in the P.M. fog in the morning.~~

~~7. Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington. London W.~~

~~11 Thursday~~

Max 50° Min 40°

Up early. Sandow morning and evening spring grip and common dumb-bells. Wrote to Galbrath [sic] Mrs Macdonell F.W. Godsal and C A Harwood about the Empire mine. Wrote C A Harwood as to number of shares owned by his mother and self. Wrote Godsal about Macleod mine in each case urging that the business of putting me in a position to sell both as soon as possible be pushed for and as soon as possible. Got assays etc etc from the Empire all good. Mays and I went out to Hendon to take tea with Mrs Cassidy and met her daughters and the daughter in law. They are the relatives of poor Cassidy who was accidentally shot at Nylstroom last year and served under me in the SAC and Lord Strathconas corps.

12 Friday

Max 50° Min 50°. Mailed photos of Mays and self to Miss Duncan & Mrs Harry Cassidy. Wrote Henry Steel to the effect that I have to wait & see about the mining property for sale 5(?) Empire. Sandow morning and evening. Spring grips dumb bells and ordinary do.

13 Saturday

Up early. Sandow night and morning spring grips dumb bells and common do. Letters for different people, Godson, Major Woods were written to also Sister Fitzmaurice 6 Spencer Rd Wandsworth Common. The Canadian Premier Sir W Laurier and his ministers Sir F.W. Borden and Mr Brodeur, the Transvaal Premier Louis Botha and that rascal Beyers left for the Cecil from Southampton where they landed. They got a good reception on arrival there and here.

14 Sunday

Up early. Sandow morning and evening spring grip dumb bells and common dumb bells also. We, Mays and I, went to lunch with General and Mrs Strutt at 78. Carlton hill Northwest.

7. Playfair Mansions. W. Kensington London.

15 Monday

Up early. Wrote letters. Got one from Mackie re Cameron French and Strathconas Corp and replied to same to the effect that I would like to have him on my staff if I

went west and asked him to look well after French who he says is lazy and a waster, I also stated that he could never be in Lord Strathconas Corps. Mays and mother have gone out to the dressmakers. Went to Piccadilly and tried on two suits of summer wear clothing and ordered colonels uniform at Hobson Bros as well as boots dress mess, butcher boots and walking. Sandow twice as usual. D.bells.

16 Tuesday

Up early. Letters from Galbraith, Jarvis, and Cartright, the former two re the Empire Mine in BC. The latter private and newsy. Wrote Galbraith asking him to meet expert to examine the Empire and to go to the registrars office with him. ~~went~~ as well as over the mine with expert and McBean. Told him about getting powers from McBean and George Douglas. Wrote Jarvis to same effect and to J A Macdonald of the Clock office 7 Arundel Street Strand Cable Jarvis to send P of A re Edith(?) and the other claim Galbraith is ready to do anything for me. Wrote Mr Griffith in reply to his letter of the 15th in which he states that we are (Mays and I) on the list of the great banquet. Wrote Sir FWB. Sandow twice.

17 Wednesday

Wrote Mrs Theobald re telephones. Pattison etc Do. Miss M Ramsay, Ladbroke grove. Dr Macleod re fat. Wet day. Max. 48°. Min 48° last night. Children went out and played but little as it rained a lot. Wrote J A Macdonald in reply to his asking me to meet him on Monday next to discuss the Empire Mine BC. Wrote Mrs Theobald re the phone. Wrote to Pattison & co re the phone and asked him to put in same. I withdrew previous letter on the subject. Wrote Pocock on the same subject. Sandow night and morning. Wired Inch.

18th

Called on Sir F. W. Borden, to-day on the subject of my appt He was very busy so I concluded to wait and he made an appt for tomorrow, between four and six. Mays & Mrs Harwood went shopping.

[*next page, entry for same date*]

7. Playfair Mansions. West. Kensington London.

18 Thursday

Got back to flat and wrote out some a/c saw Pocock at 11 AM at the Savage club and had a long talk over mines. He is to find a broker for me if necessary. The Cecil was packed with people who are after the ministers. It looks very absurd that such should be necessary. Mays and Mrs Harwood got home at 4.30 and looked tired having starved themselves. Sandow morning and evening.

19 Friday

Max 52° Min 46°

Up at 6.15. Went out and called on the minister of militia and defence Sir Frederick Borden and was informed by him that I am to be DOC of the new Province of Alberta and half the western half of Saskatchewan and that he wishes me to see General Lake. He talked over militia matters and particularly the attack on him for retiring Lord Aylmer who was Insp Gen. From what he says Lord Aylmers time was up and besides that he had been appointed inspector General to enable him to get in two years the higher pension of that office an order in council had been passed and Lord Aylmer had seen it giving him a two years appointment and he had seen it and written "seen" on it.

20 Saturday

Up early. Busy all day wrote Jarvis cabled RLT Galbraith for his Power of Attorney to sell the Empire. Walked out with Mays to Barons Court road and came back by the Greyhound Rd. Temp 50 min 50 max. Sandow and Inch, Developer, dumbbells, grip, and common.

21 Sunday

Up early. Wrote Hugh John re Steele in reply to his and re the appointment of D.O.C. Thanking him for his kindness.

7 Playfair Mansions West Kensington London. W.

22 Monday

Max Min .

Up early. Called on Pocock, will have a report later. Called on John A Macdonald and arranged re Empire and McBeans claims. Jarvis do and my share, Jarvis, and McBeans are mill site dam site and timber.

Met Dr MacEachern and lunched with him. Mr and Mrs Ross from Montreal and

Mrs McEachern. Very pleasant party. Got home. Ordered Miss Harvey typist copies my powers of attorney and bond from McBean and George Douglas. Mrs Hope of Montreal called and I spoke to her about her brother B____. Got letters from Snider and Jarvis. Mining expert out there when he wrote was to meet him at Elkhorn station on CP.Ry.

23 Tuesday

~~Wrote letters. Went down to Piccadilly and tried on my~~
Wrote letters. Max. 50°. Sandow in morning and evening.

24 Wednesday

Max 69° Min 54°. Sandow at night. 16 pd dumb bells. Spring grip dumb bell. Dancing for the children at Miss Rumseys ~~night~~ school. Mays and I went to Victoria and left cards for the McEacherns & the Ross'. They were not at home. Called on Pocock. He can find nothing out about the Empire matter. We walked through the Strand Gardens after 1st calling on Mrs Borden at the Cecil. She was out as we expected at that hour but that cannot be helped as all the party connected with the Colonial premiers ~~are~~ is hedged around even more than by Royal. Met von Blanckenburg(?) Louis Bothas secy at the lift. Mrs Botha was with him. The usual Boer type in youth tall spare and pale. It ridiculous how the girl has been flattered quite enough to turn her head. She is just average neither plain nor pretty. Got back at 6.15. Children danced for [*next page*] for us at night and did well.

25 Thursday

Up early. Mays went up town and to Kensington High Street shopping. I wrote letter and looked up my accounts. Mays did not get back until night. Sandow twice today also spring dumb bells and common do 16 lbs.

26 Friday

Up early. Max 58° Min 46°. Wet rained all day. I went up town and arranged with Hobson Bros about uniform also got my bootmaker to hurry up as fast as possible. Went to see Mac Donald at Clock house at 12.20. He was from home. I arranged to see him at night at about 4 PM. Went to Senior United Service club and lunched with the Chief of Canadian Staff Gen Lake. Gen Strange has ____ a guest. I had a talk afterwards with Gen Lake who was good enough to tell me that I am to be DOC and take the June camp at Calgary. Salary three thousand, he asked me to

write and ask to be gazetted to my appointment. I left afterwards and saw MacDonald at four and bought a sword at Wilkinsons 9. 9 & then tried on boots came home.

27 Saturday

Up early. Got Miss Harvey to type some letters. Wrote Chief of Staff Militia that I am ___ to be gazetted. Mailed a letter of importance to Lord Strathcona & Mt Royal. Cabled Alexander McBean to get me extension on option on his and George Douglas Claims. Wrote Jarvis to make a report on Rainy Hollow to MacDonald of Clock House Arundel St Strand and that it must be thorough and informed him that I had told MacDonald about the land. Mailed letter to the Chief of Staff 92 Ebury Street SW, to the effect that I am available for gazette. Nurse Flast(?) has called to see Mays and lunched with us. Wrote Macdonald about Broadview Land. Nurse Flast(?) stayed until 10 PM as invited and enjoyed the children dancing Strathspey and reels, sailors hornpipe etc. I wrote 12 letters.

7 Playfair Mansions. 27th (?) Sunday

Max 46° Min 46°

Left Euston at 8.45 and arrd Holyhead 1.30 Left at 2. AM.

29 Monday

Left Holyhead at 2. AM and arrd Dublin Kingstown Bay of Dublin with Gen Baden Powell Inspector Gen of Cavalry. Took train for the bridge changed there for the Curragh, were met by motor car of Sir Sir [blank] Plumer and then breakfasted there. Present Lady Plumer, Gen Plumer Colonel and Mrs Hamilton Majr Gen Baden Powell and Miss Plumer. Chat for a few minutes and then left for the Curragh camp with motor and Gen Baden Powell. Went to the fields near by motor. Jumping, Tent pegging hoop drill. Very good by 3rd D.G. and 19th Hussars. Met de Pledge now in command of 19th. He was glad to see me and chatted a lot. Met several others of Boer War Times. Lunched with Gen and Mrs Lindley. Gen Baden Powel. Major Ansell Mrs Lindly Miss Lindly [sic] and friend. Afternoon the Curragh [*u written over Carragh*] squadron drill 3rd D.G. and 19th Cold cheerless day showering. Part of Steel bridge blown up not quite success as one fuse did not go off. We then had recruits(?) having jumping of riderless horses in school. High jumping of horse. Jumping heads and posts by recruits and hackriding by recruits of the third D.G. Inspected the stands of both corps and saw the training of the young horse in the new system of running by jumping in long

narrow corral. Well done. Back to Gen Lindleys by motor. Got a lot of talk with the ladies anxious to know about Canada. Went and dined at Major and Mrs Ansells and had a pleasant evening with them. Gen and Mrs Lindley left me there and dined with the Plumers. I did not make up that party which was in farewell to Baden Powell as I would have been the thirteenth guest. Got home at 11.45 went to bed and slept well.

Monday
Tuesday 30th April

Up at 6.15 dressed. breakfasted at 6.45 and drove with Gen Lindley in gen Plummers(sic) motor to the station. Met Baden Powell at Plumers. Said good bye to Plumers family. Gen and Mrs Lindley last night invited me to go see them and offered all kinds of hospitality. Got to Phoenix Ranks and saw the St Patricks cathedral Dublin restored by Guinness Lord Iveagh. I then went through the principal [*next page*] streets very much disappointed with the city. Dirty and ___ sts. The cathedral, not so fine as I expected seats 1500. Might cram in 2000. Cromwells horses were in it and drank at the font. [*Thursday crossed out*] Went back to barracks. Dined at 7.45 then said farewell and with General Baden Powell drove to the North hill quay and sailed a rough passage all night. Many sick and no wonder. I was not.

May

Wednesday

En route Ireland to London

Reached Holy head at 2.30 had plate soup and then took seat in my car. Sat up and slept all the rest of the night. It was freezing, too cold should have had a rug. Got to Easton at 7.30 drove home in cab an enormous lot of letters were ready but the most important did not come to me. I breakfasted. Wrote Sir Frederick Borden and Gen Lake re my appointment to the Staff of Canada. I then went to Macdonalds and got there sharp on time with him and went to the Liverpool St. and there he arranged about sale of the mine Empire Blue Grouse and others as well as waterpower. The prices be Empire 50,000.00 water power and timber 45,000.00 McBeans and George Douglas and mineral claims 60,000.00. Jarvis claims 10000 Total.

Mr. Griffith to be asked to deal for me and represent me in London. Came home invited by wire to dine with Col Cooper.

Dined with Col. Cooper.

[*Right Margin:*]

Mc Bean	
& Douglas	75000.00
Jarvis	75000.00
Empire	45000.00
Steel(?) Empire(?)	
W Power	15000.00
Extra on Empire	5000.00
Extra on the B	<u>10000.00</u>
Total,	175,000.00

[4 Saturday *crossed out*]
Thursday 2nd May 1907

Up early wrote letters on business and in the afternoon got measured for uniform at Hobson's. It is all made and should fit well. On coming back dressed for the boys bde show at which they did well. Had tickets for Gen B.P.'s box No.27 supped there afterwards and saw the Curios. Mays with me. Got home at 11.30 in cab.

Friday 3rd

Wrote a lot of letters. Miss Herring came to see Mays. Wrote Lord Strathcona re the pensions letter written before I went to Ireland. Wrote Griffith re the bonded mining property. Miss Herring stayed the day and took Mrs [*next page*] Harwood & Flora to Brighton.

4th May [*Saturday*] 7 Playfair Mansions West Kensington.

Up early wrote letters all morning. Sent Bagnall to the bank and wrote them for my account. Wrote for an interview with(?) and one to Mr Griffith. Am to see Lord S on Monday at 1. PM. Got nice letters from Colonels Mercer and de Pledge in reply to mine thanking them for hospitality at the Curragh. Wrote Dick and gave him advice re the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal on the coast of B.C. Expect a letter from Griffith, re the bond. Sandow.

Sunday 5th of Mays [*sic*]

Up early. Mays and the children to church. I had no time. Wrote many letters. Sir George and Lady French called to see us and were as usual very nice indeed. Mays

and I went to a concert at the Royal Albert Hall and heard Lohengrin, Romeo & Juliet, Faust and others. A strong company and large number in the chorus. Got home at 11.30 PM by train of Dist Ry. Sandow as usual.

Monday 6th

Up early. Called on Lord Strathcona and was very kindly received. Met William Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern Ry. Had not seen him for many years. (7½) He was quite pleasant. Lord S had a long talk with me heaps of money lost in the recent stock fight for the control of the Union Pacific. He asked me if the government had done well by me and asked about the salary. He was very kind and asked after Mays health and Mrs Harwoods and hoped we would be at Knebworth hall tomorrow. Said Mrs Harwood should have been asked and told me to bring her down with us. Mays signed cheque a bank of Montreal for one hundred dollars. I went with her to John Barkers to shop and then went by train to Brompton Rd Station of the Piccadilly Tube.

Tuesday 7th

Mays and I went to Lord Strathconas and Lady S. at Home Knebworth Castle and enjoyed ourselves. A lot of rain. A great crowd there. Many Canadians there, 2000 people asked. They received everyone in person and said farewell to all. Some fools there and some cads. We enjoyed the society of the Lewis with whom we were all day.

Saturday 4th May

~~Up early wrote letters all morning. No reply as yet to one I wrote yesterday. Sent Bagnall to the bank and wrote them for my a/c asking for a cheque on Canada. Wrote for interview with Lord Strathcona and Bagnall to deliver to Mr. Griffith. Got nice letter from Cols Mercer and de Pledge replies to mine thanking them for hospitality shown on my trip with Gen Baden Powell. Hope to get reply to mine to Griffith. Wrote Dick and gave him full advice re terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific.~~

Sunday. 5th May.

~~Up early. Wrote many letters. Sir George and Lady French called in the P.M. and were very pleasant as usual. Mays and I went to a grand concert at the Albert Hall. Parts of Romeo and Juliet, Faust, Lohengrin and others were sung very well. We took seats at two shillings in the arena. It is good to hear it(?) but too hot in~~

~~summer. The audience was large we got home at 11.30 eleven thirty o'clock.~~

Wednesday 8th

Up early. Applied for another week of the flat from Mrs Theobald. Called on Lord Strathcona by appointment . He is pretty tired after the hard work of yesterday at 87 he is a wonder. Received tickets for the review at Aldershot. May and Mrs Harwood went out shopping all day and did not get back until 8 P.M. I lunched with Macdonald at the sports club, and then got wet as I did not bring an overcoat. The weather is most disagreeable.

Thursday ~~10th~~9th May

Went up town with Mays and to Aldershot at 8.55. Met at station by Mrs Dudley. Went to Laffans plain and found all pleasant and good seats for us on enclosure A. Landowners enclosure. Gen French got the king to cancel the review on account of last nights rain all non-sense. Lunched with Mrs Dudley at Victoria hotel. Met Thacker there. There is great disappointment about the review being cancelled as the ground is in good order and day fine. Got to town at 3.15 and went to [*next page*] 9th Thursday 1907

and went to 17 Victoria St to see Lord S. he could not and made apt until five PM tomorrow. Got home late Mrs Cassidy had called to see us. Sorry were not at home.

10th May
Friday 1907

Up early. Went up town and at Clock House met John A. Macdonald who said all was arranged about the bond from me to him of Empire Claim of Galbraith Godsall. Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Morris and Children Etta and Winifred Morris, Capt Howard, RLT Galbraith & Harvey, all in the Empire – and the Barton, British, Mt and extension of mountain material claims of Alex McBean & Son, George Douglas. The lot 3010. in Group one consisting of a Mill Site, water right and timber land of Gus(?) McBean & son and George Douglas. Anne Jarvis and SBSteele. The Edith and – mineral claims of AM Jarvis CMG.the whole bonded for 175000.00 dollars and if reported favourably upon by the ME and is all correct will be paid for on or before the 1st day of September next. I then went to New Broad Str and met Mr Richardson of Parker and Richardson lawyers. Read over the above mentioned bond and signed same in duplicate. Mr W. L. Griffith is to represent me here when I go to Canada. I went at 5 to meet Lord Strathcona as

requested by him but he could not see me until four tomorrow when he requests me to call at four (4) PM. We have arranged to go down and see the Stranges until Monday. Wrote Galbraith, McBean, Jarvis Mrs Macdonell, Godsall Howard and Gus Harwood to the effect that I have signed the bond on Empire Group at the prices arranged for. Wrote Mrs Steel, Henry Steel, Dr Samuel Steel re an intended visit to Monmouthshire. Sandow getting stronger.

11th May 1907
Saturday

Up early and Sandow, clubs dumbbells developer and grip dumb bells. Wrote [*next page: Saturday 11th*]

Telegram to Dr Samuel Steel to the effect that we will be down on Thursday next to stay one night and then go on to Blaenavon. Mays and I left for the Stranges at 6.25 and arrived at 7.30, being warmly welcomed by the General and Mrs Strange. Went to bed at ten after a long chat. Saw Lord S.

70° Camberly [*sic*] 12th May 07 Surrey

Up early, breakfast at 9.15 and afterwards Mays and I accompanied The Gen to church at the Royal Military College Sandhurst passed through grounds of the Staff college. The place is a dream of loveliness. The grounds are splendid. Got home at 12.30. The walk being about three (23) miles in all. After dinner we walked around the pretty town but before that Mr Owen who was my clerk in the northwest rebellion and Mr Labouchere also was in the 3rd mounted brigade in S.A. called upon me. Gen Gearey called with Miss Gearey and we found them very nice. During our walk we met Gen O'Grady Haly. Gen Strange introduced me to him but he was cool he has it in his 'crop that I did not call his home in Ottawa but he forgets that I was sick in bed and extremely ill with bronchittis. It does not matter however. Ottawa at that time was sickening. Supper at 8 PM, bed at 10.30 long chat with General on fiscal relations of the Empire.

– Monday. Sandow

Max 79. Min 60 13th May 1907 Camberly

Up early. Left Camberly at 10.40 We enjoyed our stay much. Bagnall met us at Waterloo and Mays went home. I went to the bank. The CPRy to get tickets and berths to Canada most filled up, got home late.

Tuesday

Max 79

14th – Min 58°. Sandow

Wrote Galbraith, Godsall and Jarvis as well as a lot of others. Alex McBean too. Jarvis to see to my miners licence. Godsall to see about the Macleod. Wrote John A Macdonald about the little Phil & Macleod. Dined with Capt Macdonnell at the sports club and then went to Mr Griffiths lecture at the ~~sports-~~

[next page:] Tuesday Cont. 14th

Metropole. Colonial Institute building and then back to club Prof. Parker Leacock and Donald Macmaster spoke. Got home at midnight, bathed and went to bed.

Wednesday. 15th May.

Weather cold damp and miserable. Busy all day. Wrote letters to different people. Miss Steel Abergavenny, Paulsen & Stone bootmakers Duke St. Paid him. I owe nothing in London thank goodness. Uniform a very expensive item 600 dollars at least. Wrote Dr CB Hernan D.S.O. Montreal re Miss Fitzmaurice Farmer, Toronto for more particulars re his pension.

16 Thursday

Up early. Mays and I left for Abergavenny at 11.40 and changed cars at Newport and arrived at Abergavenny at 3.30 Will and his wife Have(?) called. We all dined together Dr Sam much more frail than when I saw him last. Passey looks older too. Mays has a very bad cold.

Friday 17th May : 07

Up early. Poor Dr Sam drove us to Crick Howell a village on the Usk and then across. We then returned by the right bank via Llanfoist and saw the graves of the Steeles. Sam, Tom and others. Got back for lunch. After lunch Arthur Steel and wife arrived from Hereford Elmes Steele called yesterday, he is my half brother Elmes eldest son and is a Dr. we all dined at Wills. Arty and wife there Dr Sam did not go. Very pleasant evening. Got home at 12 midnight. All enjoyed it. Mays a great favourite, very bad cold she has.

Blaenavon Saturday 18th May 1907

Up early Breakfast at 8.30. Left for Blaenavon Dr Sam saw us off. Arrived at Blaenavon at 12.30 [2 is drawn over] eleven thirty. Henry met us and we went to the house all well nice time here all so kind. Walked out with Henry to see the

repairs to the waterworks. Dined at 1.30 Walked out in the afternoon to golf links and saw the works which are being prepared for new plant. Tea at 5.30 supper at 8.

Mays very ill went to bed and remained there. We consulted [*next page:*]

Saturday 18th

consulted Dr Jones a very nice and capable man. He ordered Mays to stay in bed. Went to the club.

Sunday. 19th Up early and walked out to see the waterworks again. After dinner went up to the hills east of the town and saw where the Welch archers attacked Henry the second and forced him to return to the Earl of Pembrokes'. Back at 7.30. Went to supper at 8.30.

May. Monday 20th 1907. Blaenavon

Went out with Henry walked about and spent the day pleasantly. Mays got up she is very ill poor thing but receives nothing but kindness. Dr Jones called every day. Supped at Martins.

Tuesday May 21st, 1907. London

Up early. Left with best wishes our kind relatives at 9.00 and changed at Newport. Reached London at 1.10 Drove to the Gardens. Mays to bed at once. I wrote fifteen letters after lunch all important. Sandow & Inch.

Wednesday May, 22nd

Busy all day. Sandow & Inch. The Dudleys came Mays in bed. After lunch Mrs Dudley, Mrs Harwood, Flora, Stewart Dudley, Harwood, Capt Dudley, Gertie and self, drove to the Mil tournament at the Olympia and enjoyed ourselves got back at 4.30 and had tea. Let Harwood go to Aldershot with the Dudleys. Mays got up and set to work packing the things for him. Her cold a little better. I have one now. Wrote up my diary at 8.45. I did all I could to make the Dudleys comfortable. Got a letter from Pussy Steel and Mr Belcher Bobs brother. Bagnall packing for the voyage.

~~Wednesday~~

Thursday 23rd May

Up early assisted to pack up went downtown to Temple Station and called on Jno A Macdonald re the mines in BC. His expert has sent a report on the Rainy Hollow

property and Jarvis claim is all right. Jarvis has left for the North Herschel Island for a year. Wrote Godsal re the statement of Macdonald that he will take up the Macleod and settle Phil(?) after the Empire Group is [next page] is dealt with. Went to CPRy office re my money pd for me is for govt passage. Sandow, etc.

Max 70° 23rd

Max 60° Friday 24th May, 1907. Min 60. Up early, bad cold. Mustard plaster. Sent Mays coat to fur company, 30 Edgeware Road to repair and wrote a long letter to same. Cable to Harwood Montreal, 180 St James. Cable fifty five pounds Mrs Harwood and balance on my a/c. Wired Chief Steward of the Tunisian of Allan Line to reserve eight seats at the tables for self and party. Macdonald stated yesterday that he would ~~both~~ handle the Empire and Rainy Hollow group together, and the Macleod mine after that.

Saturday 25th

Sandow as usual. Max 65° Min 50. Up early. Got for Mrs Harwood the money cabled her by Gus. She loaned me fifteen of it and thirty total 45. The bank manager offered me as much as I require but I do not think I shall need it as Gus should wire me as requested my balance. This is a terrible country to run away with money. Travel with a family is no joke. C.P.R. office has arranged for the Allan line to refund the money advanced on an extra cabin as I shall not need it. Agent phoned me to that effect. All packing and Mays tired.

Sunday 26

Up early. Ladies packed all day after church. Max. 65. Min 50. Mays poor little woman is very tired but will persist she is most industrious, few equal her. Wrote many letters.

Monday 27th

Max. 62°. Min 56°. Up early. Mailed three sovereigns to Will Steel for photo of Mrs Anna Maria Steel wife of Major Sam Steel 34th regiment 1792, and asked him to get a respectable frame and if possible a couple of extra copies of the painting all OK. Address to ___ of C. A. Harwood 180 St James St of Montreal, Canada. All hands packing had to get an extra trunk from Whiteleys. The heavy baggage sent to Cooks at noon to be forwarded to the Tunisian of the Allan line and a/c sent on to me at ship.

7. Playfair Mansions.
May. Tuesday 28th

Up early. Busy packing and preparing for the trip to Canada. Saw Tower and Westminster Abbey.

Wednesday 29th May 1907

Up very early. All of our heavy baggage is on board the ship at Liverpool already. According to appointment called on Lord Strathcona to say goodbye to him at 17 Victoria St. Got him to sign Floras autograph album which he very gladly did for her. Mr Griffiths did the same. Lord Strathcona was very pleased to see me and asked me a lot about the west he also asked me to write him when I have time and seemed anxious to find out about the situation I am in and if I had seen Sir Frederick Borden. Mr Griffiths told me that I must ask him when I wish anything done in England.

Thursday 30th May.

Up at 5.00 AM. Breakfast at 7. Left for Euston with Mays. Gertrude Harwood Mrs Harwood and Flora. Bagnall came too. Paid him ten pounds to bring him and his wife along by the CPRy ship on the 19th. We got on board the train a hour before the time to leave and saved ourselves a lot of rush. Left for Liverpool at 10.45 and reached Liverpool at 2.45. Raining heavily. Went on board the ship Tunisian at 4.05(?) and after a lot of worry over a missing satchel got settled. Stubbs came by the last train and sits at the same table, grub good. Went to bed at 9.45.

S. S. Tunisian Allan Line at Sea

Friday May 31st. 1907. 45 knots.

Up at 6.45 bath 7, breakfast at 8.30. We were at ___ at 8 AM. Capt Macdonnell came on board there, and a lot of people from Ireland. Heavy rain. Stubbs is at our table too. Had many topics(?) to keep and different articles but all ought to be plain sailing now. Mays cold is better. Before we left Flora and I called on Mrs Elin and Sir George & Lady French the same day as I called on Lord Strathcona. Flora as usual got their autographs. 387 knots.

June

S. S. Tunisian at Sea
Saturday the 1st June, 1907

Up at 5.30 Sandow and Inch developers and spring [*next line*] spring grip dumb bells until 6.30. Then I took the bath as usual. Weather cold, wet, and cloudy. Had a great chat with Harwood about his Aldershot experiences with the goat of the RW Fusiliers during his visit to Stewart Dudley. Mrs Harwood Mays, Harwood, and I at all meals. Stubbs and Mac [*next page*] MacDonnell too were there also. Read a book very windy ship rocking a lot.

R. M. S. S. Tunisian at Sea. 388 knots.
Sunday 2nd June, 1907

Up at 5.30. Sandows spring grip dumb bells and Inch's six strand rubber developer for half an hour, bath, and again the same on deck at 7.25 and walked steadily at three miles an hour until 8.30 by my watch was regulated yesterday at noon or rather set at that time by that of the ship. Service held in the Cabin at 7.15 AM. All quiet today. Service at 10.30 a large attendance and the usual collections for sailors orphans. Sat in the smoke room with Macdonnell for a long time chatting on every conceivable subject. Went to bed at 10.30. The ship is in a fog and the sirens blew all night.

Monday 3rd June 1907. 390 knots.

Up at 5.45 Bath. Sandow, Inch for half an hour, walked an hour with a Scotch gentleman going on to Canada. Breakfast as usual. Changed clothes and put on new boots to change. Lay down in PM. a great mistake should always undress and better not lie down. Read My Shipmate Louise by Clark-Russell. Sat up after a dinner until 10.30 ship rolling a lot but got steadier after midnight.

Tuesday 4th June S S Tunisian at sea knots in last(?) 24.

Up at 5.45. Sandow and Inch dumbbells and developer six strands. Walked 1hr 15 minutes one hour and fifteen minutes before breakfast. Part of the time with Scotchman part with Stubbs. Mays much better. Neither Forla nor Gerty to breakfast. Walked on deck a great deal. Read cavalry training fifty pp. Sat in the music room after dinner for a time. Some people bridge and others reading, music, sewing by the ladies. Went to smoke room and chatted with Stubbs and McDonell. Met a cheeky young Canadian. It is to be hoped there are few of them. Dense fog all afternoon the ship half speed and siren sounding all the time. Several whales

seen, blowing a heavy gale. Several ice bergs passed at night.

Wednesday 5th June 07

Up early. Very cold wind. Passing Newfoundland at 7.30. Dressed after bath and went on deck. Wind on starboard bow and extremely cold only one passenger on deck. Came below shortly and read to page 65 of [*next page*] cavalry training. 5 Wednesday [*continued*] Came to the music room and wrote up my diary. Young Scotchman for Montreal states that the dairy farming is backward in Canada owing to the late spring. Walked a great deal and read a lot. Went to bed at 11.30 PM and slept well.

S. S. Tunisian. Thursday 6th June 07.

Up at 6 AM. Sandow spring grip dumb bells and Inches developer twice before lunch. Walked from seven AM on deck until 8.30. Then breakfast. Then on deck and walked with Mays then Stubbs then Macdonnell then at 1.15 (one fifteen) came day(?) and entered this diary up. The whole shore of Gaspé with its little fishing villages in sight. Cold cheerless and barren looking. Talked with several men about Canada. 399 knots. Sent telegrams to Auguste and de Vaudreuil. Went to bed at ten 30. Concert to-day at 8.30.

Friday 7th June 07

Up at 6 AM. Bath. Ship in Quebec docks. Wired Auguste that we would be in tonight early. Ship was delayed at Grosse Isle on account of the Quarantine and 15 immigrants refusing to be vaccinated. They were taken off the ship and will have to be vaccinated or go home, to England. The Empress of Ireland nearly caught up to us but failed to do so. Met Colonel Cotton on the boat and had a hearty welcome. Breakfast at 9AM all immigrants left the ship. Weather wet, cold, and raw. Very successful trip so far.

~~Up early. We arrived at Montreal~~

Sailed up the St Lawrence and enjoyed the trip. Scenery admired. Cast anchor 30 miles from Montreal and got ready for next day.

Montreal June 8th Sat, 1907.

Up early, all ready to land. Reached Montreal at 9.30. Met by Auguste and several others of the family. R. Hubert and wife family, Frank. Marie did not come. Got baggage through customs uniform not chged duty as it had been worn. Went to Gus

and was warmly welcomed by Marie.

9 Sunday

Up early. All the family called to see us and we were happy.
Montreal.

Ottawa

10 Monday

Up early left at 4.00 for here arrived at 7. Met Colonel Macdonald on the ~~train~~ ^{stair} 1st floor and his wife warmly welcomed by the two. Colonel going to the dinner at govt house to meet the Japanese Prince, Fushimi. Introduced to Sir Henry Pellatt of Toronto. Went to dinner. Met Neil Stewart and several others, Chas Thompson and Major Chapleau. Charlie put me up at the club at once. Went to the club with him after dinner.

11 Tuesday

Up early and had a good time talking with old friends. Called on General Lake who told me that my appt would be made to-day at 11.20 but that he would not be able to tell me as he had to lunch with two Australians who passed through to buy naval material. He promised to leave a message with Winter (major). Up to see Col. Fred White, had a long chat lunched with him at the club. Met him and Sir F.W. Borden came and slapped me on the back. I went back to the office and Winter had a message from the general to the effect that I am to give my address this I did.

12 Wednesday
Montreal

Up early. Met Editor Free Press and some others who asked to give me a banquet on Saturday next. They have asked a lot so I consented. Called on Dicks wife a fairly educated woman and had an hour. Called at the Mil dept on Colonel Macdonald. Left for Montreal at 4.10 and arrived at 7, went to Gus.

Montreal, P. Quebec.

13 Thursday

Went out in the morning, wrote letters, and attended to various matters. Sandow and Inch. Lunched at the club. Dr Chas McEachern asked me to the races tomorrow. Promised to go.

14 Friday

Up early as usual. Sandow and Inch. Went to lunch with Ibbottson at the club and had a pleasant time met Dr Chas McEachern. Went to the races with him as per appointment yesterday. Races interesting ground fine, got ticket for members enclosure. Came back by Westmount and dined with my niece Mrs Brierly and her husband Mays there. Got home late.

15 Saturday

Up early left with Mays for Ottawa at 10.10 by Imperial Limited, went to wrong station and got back to Russell. A lot of people went to meet us at the Central where we ought to have got off and were told by conductor was the best place. Saw several friends at the Russell. Banquetted to-night. Fred White present and all spoke nicely of me. Mays tried to hear the speeches but could not. I do not like these affairs. It is kind of the people but I would rather not have them.

16 Sunday

Up early. Wrote letters had some calls. Called and had tea at the Fred Whites nice welcome. All well.

Ottawa

17 Monday

Busy at the Mil dept. Called in the afternoon. Called at Govt House and left cards for self, Mays and Mrs. Harwood, called on Lady Borden, called on the various Steeles John out. Lady Borden pleasant, affected on account of poor Harold. Thanked me for doing things re the grave. Got home at 6.30 PM.

Montreal.

18 Tuesday

Up early. Asked to garden party by His and Her Excellency. Up all morning with Macdonald. Left cards on Thompson, Col. White, Col. Sherwood, Fortescue and _____ Col. Turnbull called to see me at 3.30 he called on Mays too had pleasant chat. I promised to wire him when I left. We took train for here at 4.30 and got home at 7.30. Heavy thunder storm in Ottawa and east of it. Many called to see us. Weather hot very hot indeed. Found that Miss Norgarb(?) Antoin's fiancée had arrived.

19 Wednesday

Up early. Very hot indeed. Dear Mays packing the baggage.

20 Thursday

Up early. Sandow and Inch and lots of exercise. Poor dear Mays packing my baggage.

21 Friday

Up early. Sandow and Inch. Lunched with W. D. Lighthall, Prof. Hill and Mr Henderson architect. The two latter are the gentlemen concerned in the erection of the Strathcona Memorial in Montreal. The former the sculptor, the latter assigned the pedestal. I enjoyed myself and went home. Went to the station at request of Earl Grey the Governor General who wished to see me. I met him, he introduced me to the Countess Her excellency, and he said that he merely wished to shake hands and welcome me back to Canada. We all went to Dicks tonight, got back late.

22 Saturday

Left cards at Ibbottsons, the club for the Allans. Dr C McEachern, at the club for Col. Buchan, at the Mil. Institute for the Montreal Bde officers. Called on Capt Macdonnell. Lunched with Archie Allan and Dr Chas MacEachern as well as Col. Meighan.

23 Sunday

Called on Jesse M.G.

Left for Calgary by Imperial Limited and got a warm send off from the family. Miss Norgarb(?) Antoin's fiancée going west in my charge. Very hot. Sat up until

we passed Ottawa. Col Turnbull was wired to meet me but I suppose did not [*next page*] not get it.

24 Monday

Up at 5.30 weather cool. Find that the dining car is most expensive to me and my charge. Steak 70 cents cup coffee Ten (10) cents, potatoes 10 cts cakes twenty, rolls 10, fish 40, porridge 20. In fact a decent breakfast costs more than the three meals did before I went to S.A. Miss Norgarb admired scenery. Most of the people Yankees and vulgar. Met some people I know. Bartram came on board and gave me the news. He has improved very much. Homesick. Cheered Miss N up by stories which made her laugh, chestnuts but new to her. My excess baggage \$20.00 In car 1. berth 10. Am to take comd of Calgary camp.

25 Tuesday

~~On Train.~~ Imperial Ltd, ~~going west Pac express train.~~ Viewed scenery all day and amused Miss Norgarb with stories and descriptions as well as adventures. Hoped that she could see Lake Superior in daylight but we did not do so. Retired at 10.30 PM.

Tuesday 25th

~~Wednesday~~ 26th June 1907

Up at 5.30 AM. Saw Port Arthur and Fort William Miss Norgarb missed them. Breakfasted late. Miss N. enjoyed scenery. Got into Kenora and walked on platform nearly missed train. Place wonderfully changed. Got to Winnipeg at dark 10.00 but behind time 40 minutes so could not go up town as we intended. Left Wp at 11. Saw some military officers board train and one S.M. all for camp at Calgary, Alta. Staff Surgeon Devine one of them. Went to bed at 12.30 slept well. Many more people and another sleeper coupled. A few brides. Lots of use. Nice quiet looking girl and ___ headed young man. Wednesday

~~Thursday 27.~~ Wednesday

Up early, and long tiresome day, great changes at Regina & Moose Jaw and the "Hat" Arrived at Calgary at 3.30 AM Thurs. Went to camp and saw Cameron and others. Arrd 330 AM Thursday.

Bde Camp at Calgary, Alberta.

27 Thursday

~~Up early.~~ Drove down to camp. Got out my kit dined at mess. Health drank by offrs who received me enthusiastically there and had to reply. I did not expect it and as usual said somethings better left unsaid. It was well received by all. I visited the lines in the evening and will rise in time to do so always. The officers are a decent lot. Gogarty and Harris are here ex S.A.C and Australian the latter was in stock business both had letters from me here. Went back to town to bed and sat an hour in the club met Vibart and Nourse bank managers there good chaps. Went to bed at 12.00.

28 Friday

Slept last night at the hotel owing to having to get some tent kit for camp. Asked Joe Kenny to be good enough to come with me as servant but he could not and is sick with stone in the bladder. I wrote Jack Johnston pointing out that he must not be chaffing and that I will not have any undue familiarity whatever. I also wrote George. I suppose they wont like it altho I have no fault to find with the latter he has always been good. Sent my baggage to camp except the big leather trunk. Came to camp and inspected the people at drill all right. Gave orders not to rush their horses at all and to learn to time them. Had a long chat with Roy & Campbell the latter about Macleod. The former saw me in my tent and told me that he intended applying for the command of the medical branch in dist. in broken language. P.M.O. and asked if I thought he would do spoke of his inexperience in the ~~country~~ work and I said you can get over all that as long as you are willing. I am not exacting in the least and will not expect you to know all at first. He seemed pleased and went away to Edmonton. Wrote many letters to Mays and others. Jack Johnston called. Very wet.

Saturday 29th

Up at 6.30 breakfast 7.30 at Mess. Wet night. Wrote up diary to date. Gave ten dollars to the servant to get me something in town [*next page*] town. The rain ceased for a time and drill went on with the result that I could inspect lines. Mr [*blank*] President of Canada Club called to arrange about the hoisting of the flag in the park on Monday next. They wished me to speak but I begged to be excluded and Colonel Walker was with me in that it would not be the thing. Cowdry and Vibart called to see me. This is a miserable day, rain and wind.

Sat with Colonel Walker for a long time after dinner on the steps of the kitchen of officers mess talking over old times in the east and west. Went to my tent at seven 11:30 and did Sandow and Inch developer. Read cavalry drill and turned in at 12. Midnight.

Sunday. Up at reveillée. Went down the lines and saw the stables had been done. Had a chat with poor Mordens son in law. Spoke to Capt. Vet. Steadman. Church parade ordered but cancelled owing to rain. Dinner at the Johnstons.

July

Monday 1st July 07

Dominion day, paraded the whole of the district troops on brigade under Colonel Walker so as to be present at the ceremony of hoisting the flag in the park. Attended with my staff and gave the signal to hoist. The principal of the western college and Mr Bennett KC addressed the crowd. I did so in short but said little as all of the ground has been covered. I was well received. The mayor proposed three cheers for me. Got back to camp early. Dined with the mess.

2nd July Tuesday 1907

Busy inspected the camp. Tents badly rolled up lack of uniformity in saddlery horses good and well cared for. Men alert smart and willing. Drove around in automobile, accident. Saw the greater part of the town. Sandow.

3rd July Wednesday 1907

Up early. Sandow. Parade the command for a march past in review at the old race track. Great improvement.

Calgary Alberta

4 Thursday

Nasty wind dust morning fine but changed after breakfast. Cool. Could not drill in the least. Got mil. reg. from the department. Col. MacLaughlan.

5 Friday

Up early. Sham fight. A force coming to attack the camp was attacked by Col. Walker the force was captured. Col Walker then attacked the camp and captured it. Had not enough umpires to spare and some of the men got in impossible places and others got too close. In the afternoon a number of the squadrons marched out home all officers came and said good bye. Young Griesbach is a Lt in the Edmonton squadron. I sent for him as an act of courtesy on account of the father and mother. I found him to be a bumptious brat, conceited in the extreme. I lectured him for presuming to ignore the majors of squadron and asking Majr Belcher to take the billet.

6 Saturday

Up early. Packed to leave camp. All marched out after breakfast and came and said good bye. Signed cheques for pay of all. Macdonnell wired me and I caused cheque to be mailed at once to pay. Thibaudeaus squadron. Bliss (Lt Col) looked well after the ordinance stores. Col. Walker and Mrs, took me to band concert at the theatre. It was good. I thanked them at the door.

7 Sunday

Called on the Johnstons. Up early. Sandow. Tea at the Johnstons. Wrote Henry Steele, Gus, Mays, Colonel Macdonell, Frank Steele, Forla, Mrs ____, Miss Esther Miller, Mays again, Godsal, Galbraith re Empire.

Alberta Hotel. Calgary, Alberta.

8 Monday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Lt Governor Bulyea arrived to-day and several others. The judges also for the fair. Attended to business and went through the Barnes(?) house. I[sic] consists of a basement which has room for a kitchen, coal room and a storeroom. First floor, a kitchen, pantries, Drawing room, with grate and Bow window. Dining room of fair size, hall. 2nd floor three moderate sized and one small bedroom. One lavatory with hot and cold water, fine bath, etc.

Outside large grounds, one tennis court, one large lawn, good trees, one stable for two horses, saddle & harness room, grain box. W.C. For servants under same roof. One root house. One kitchen garden & fowl run.

9 Tuesday

Up early. Met Lt Governor who remembered me and came over to see me when he saw me going up stairs. We had a short talk over old times. After breakfast carriages came and we drove to the show ground to open the show. Col. Walker the Mayor Mr Cameron and the Minister of Agriculture drove on one carriage behind the governor. The governor opened the show and Cushing Prov. Min of Agriculture the Mayor of P.Works. The Minister of Agrture and the Mayor spoke. Walker and I came back together and in the afternoon I went to see about furniture.

10 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow and rubbers of Inch. At office early. L. Col Cameron at it and busy. Went to Mr [sic] Howes widow of my late brother officer poor Joe Howe and called. Chatted a while in the evening over old times in the Mounted Police. Home at 11 P.M. and after Sandow stretchers retired to rest worried a lot about Mays and the children. Weather fine.

Calgary. Alberta Hotel.

11 Thursday

Up at 6.30. Sandow, bath as usual. Went to the office and signed papers. Barnes is out of pocket with the oats and busy at camp should have watched things(?) much better and reported in camp that they required sentry to take care of the oats and hay. Considerable supply of wood left over told Colonel Cameron to report that such is the case. In the P.M. I went to office at 1.15 and wrote memo for the clerk corporal Scarth to make out my pay sheet for regular salary and allowances from 15th June. Do not think that I stated to 30th June should have done so. Took Mrs Howe and children to show gave them Tea and Ices. Met Mrs MacDougal, and Davis(?). Wrote letters.

Friday 12th

Up early wrote Mays telling her of my pay sheet being sent in and my pension certificate. Went to office and had all returns signed. Cameron left with the clerk at 7. PM. Papers left with Kenny (Joe). Went to the fair in the afternoon and enjoyed it. Sat in same seat with Judges Scott, Wetmore and Stewart. Mrs Howe came with me and we went around the buildings. The Calgary brewing Co. had a fine display out their automobiles were very good. Got back at six p.m. and in the evening I went to the JJ McHughs and had a pleasant chat.

13 Saturday

Up at 7 AM. Breakfasted on toast fish and coffee. Sandow and Inches rubbers bath as usual. Wrote to Colonel Evans in reply to his. Applied for stationary through the dept. addressed Secy Ottawa. Lessard writes to say that nothing has been done re a clerk and suggests getting one. Wrote Gus, Jim, Wright, two to Major DJ Campbell re his applications for the increase of three squadron wrote to him re armoury. Mackie, Cameron re the report fifteen days after the camp, AB Macdonald, Godson- Godson Saw White hair(?).

14 Sunday

Went to church twice, few in the morning met English lady and had chat with her on porch. Supped at the Johnstons. Met Ringham. He is doing well.

Calgary Alberta

15 Monday

Up early. Sandow twice, spring grip once. Wrote letter, cabled to ___ London about expert who has not come yet to see the Empire. Mr Griffiths will attend to it. Met ex Sergt Burroughs SAC he came here with my letters and got a billet in the police. He is well pleased and so is his wife. Met the Editor of the Calgary paper and he said that my record was wrong as I was shewn as only identified with the M Police since 82. Dined with Deane and chatted over old affairs and times in the M Police. He has a good house. Left at midnight and got home at 12.30. Left Jack boots to be altered.

16 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow and spring grip dumb bells. Wrote Richardson & Co giving address. Wrote Mays, Mackie John B Bright of Blaine Wash re Macdonnell Clarence Steele Vancouv BC Chas Tennent re letter from A.G.Otter which I got today. Mrs Theobald to the effect that I would pay her. Went to Herald office with records the Editor not at home will call again or look me up.

17 Wednesday

Up at 5.30. Breakfast at 7.30. Left for Lethbridge at 8.30, arrived at 4.30 Dined at 6.30. Belcher called. Dressed for the wedding in mess kit all looked well. Mrs

Macdonald and another called she threw her arms around my neck and kissed me poor little woman. Mr MacGillvray called with her and another gentleman. We walked up to the church Wilson sent team for me to the hotel but I walked, Mrs Macdonell did not go. The wedding was quite a show very nice, a full choir, service good bride and groom looked well. After that went to the house and to the reception. I then went to the marquee where they had lots to eat and drink. I took nothing at all. Went to bed at 2PM.

Lethbridge Alta

18 Thursday

Up early. Had breakfast at 8.00. Henderson got me a motor car ride by Norman Macleod met Fred Shaw and ex Staff Sergt George Fraser. The latter says he is going to Ontario to settle near Robinson Gananoque Called on Mrs Champness, Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Neale, Mrs Cunningham, and Mrs Wilson. Wilson called on me at the hotel after I left. Was invited by Mrs Cunningham to an at home little evening(?) at 8.30. Ladies played bridge. Men chatted. Strawberries and cream ices etc. Left at 12 and went to bed at 1.30. Got severe indigestion owing to ices. Had get up and walk and rub my chest.

19 Friday

Up at 7 AM. Breakfast 8AM. Went to get boots polished. Bought medicine for indigestion. Had a bad night last night got pellets from Johnstons. Went and bought two boxes of chocolates for Audry Neale and the little Cunningham girl, sent them over there. Went to station at 10.15 and met Mrs Belcher there and Mrs Ross her sister who is en route to Edmonton, left by train at 10.30 and had for companion the clergyman who married the young couple last night. Had a chat with him he is a nice man. Met DJ Campbell at Macleod all of his stuff is at Claresholm, so did not get off. A.B. Macdonald and Starnes got on, arrd. Calgary at 6.30.

Calgary

20 Saturday

Up at 8 got quite rested. Wrote letters to Henderson Lethbridge and enclosed the key of 25. J B Clarke. KC. Capt Gough Sydenham. Capt Hilliam three letters Capt Mackie Hilliam re his application to mil dept enclosed the Generals letter.

~~Enclosed~~ asked Hilliam to get clerk to send testimonials. Letter James B Steele and to Capt Mackie to ~~send~~ come down for Monday. Wired him to come. Wired Hilliam to send his clerks testimonials. J. A. Macdonald Clock House, Mrs Steele, Major Campbell re Steadman Majr Woodside, London Pretoria, Forla. The mail. Col Evans re telephone Stony Mt.

21 Sunday

Went to church in the forenoon and wrote Mays and saw Mackie in the P.M.

Calgary Alberta

22 Monday

Up early Sandow and Inch. Mackie got camp returns ready and all went well. I signed them and he mailed them and sent them off at once. Wrote Mays re schools. Wrote Gus re do and money. Sent letter from A.G. to Chas Tennent(?) Esqr and mailed it urgent c/o R.P. Clark ___ for View and Douglas St Victoria BC. Wrote Tennent at the same time and urged him not to delay answering letter from AG. Wrote many letters after Mackie left for Banff. Called on Mrs Macleod and Mrs Howe. Mrs Macleod stated that one Grogan of Lord Strathconas corps reported that Majr Jarvis of same displayed cowardice in the field. I denied most emphatically. It is marvellous what vile slander that man has had to stand. Sandow as usual.

23rd Tuesday

Sandow as usual. Up early very busy with correspondence. Wrote a ten page letter to Mays asked her not to give Martin(?) and wife more than 35.00 per month. Wrote the Secry United Empire Club. Wrote Dudley. Wrote O.C. B squadron about one Robert Macdonald forwarding my(?) letter re attempt of Macdonald to take a man out of gaol at Indian Head. Wrote officer too. Forwarded a letter to Cameron. Letter to Hilliam enclosing one from Gen Lake. One in reply to Alfred Light late bandmaster SAC re billet. O.C squadron CMG re Light. Mr. F W Borden re rank of do & pay to be sent to Mays. Col. Macdonnel QMG re offices etc.

24 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow. Drove out with a party in Duffus motor car to Rolleston ranche to the sale of Hackneys three fine horses march foals stallions etc all first class prices fairly high and bidding full. Lunch was provided. I came home with them at 3.25 arrvd at 4.15 road rough & hilly. Party Dr Mackie, Duffus , Jack Johnston and self. Several other motors there. Wrote lots of letters. Mays, Hilliam and others. Called on Mrs Howe and walked up past Pat Burns place. Met Vibart and George Hope the former invited me to dinner and said he would call at 7.00 for me.

Calgary, Alta

25 Thursday

Sandow & Inch. Development good. Went to Hudson bay manager and saw him about Mr John Harwood getting a billet. Wired DOC 10 about Mackie. Mackie telephoned me about the applicant from Edmonton for clerkship. Wrote Mil Secretary Mil Council re clerk informing them that I had none as yet but hoped that I should have one temporarily. Wrote Hilliam asking for another and advising him not to join one of the corps temporarily as he has billet. Wrote Mays re house, rent and cost in reply to hers received this AM. Wrote John Harwood wrote Gus re John and money. Gave Mays complete statement of cost. Dined with Mr Vibart at his B.H. Mr Walsh there and the mgr HB.Co. Sandow.

26 Friday

Up early. Met Major Dupont and wife at breakfast, he is an uncle of Bell of Lord S Corps Pom – Pom fame. Wrote to all concerned in Empire claim and to Alex McBean of Jaffray with copies of Mr J A Macdonalds letter re Mr Lees delay. Advised them to give an extension if it is asked for and explained to Galbraith Godsall Howard and Mrs Mac – the cause of delay in the inspection. Wrote Srgt Bolderson re application as Mil Staff Clerk. Wrote Supt Wilson do re same. Wrote Hilliam telling him to apply officially to me for employment in the service, addressed Bolderson not to throw away his time in the MP in case he could not get it extended into militia. Letter from Dick, Stubbs, Strutt, Hardy & others. Wrote Stubbs, Hardy, Gen Lake and Hilliam re commission, Alex Strange do.

27 Saturday

Up early. Wired Mays to bring the whole family up here to school. Wrote her re freight and cars. Wrote Col White asking him to pay Gus at once on receipt of my pension certificate. Wrote Barnes asking for the date to pay to be the 15th past of

each month for payment of rent of my house. Wrote Judge Travis re house for offices, wrote Martin Edmonton and ___ Bartram North Bay re coal land. Wrote Gus Harwood about Mays the family my board and rent wrote Mays re rent to tell gus. Wired Mackie that had(?) him until we could hear from from Ottawa. Telegram from Col Evans re Mackie also Macdonell. Wrote Tennent 12 Amelia W Victoria.

28 Sunday

Went to church today, dined and had Tea at the Johnstons. Wrote Mays, Esther and Forla. Mailed letter to Hilliam & Milton Martin. Mackie came from Banff.

Calgary Alberta

29 Monday

Up early, Sandow and Inch. Went to office and signed all correspondence there. Wire from Mays saying that she has written Sunday re the wire I sent her to bring the children up here. Hilliam did not get my wire to send clerk down if pay is satisfactory. I corrected the address. Saw Mr Browne NWM Police (late) spoke to Burn(?) City clerk about Mr Duncan lawyer in Kirkaldy Scotland. Mr Mackie came down to-day. D.A. Macdonald says that there is doubt about the Barracks being put here and also about the staff adjutant being appointed. Wrote for the records from Col Evans Wpg. so as to make any confidential reports came and I spoke to him about the Boer War and S Horse but not for publication of same. Forwrd Hilliams application.

30th July

Wrote Mays, finished up all correspondence. Mackie hard at work walked out with Mrs Howe to assist her to find the tennis courts. Wrote Tennent. Wrote several others at the same time. Met Mrs Mackie. Sandow and Inch twice as usual. Wired and corrected address to Hilliam. Forwarded Hilliams application for a Comn in permanent force.

31 Wednesday

Sandow 7.30 AM. Went to see about office furniture and the lease of office for DOC and ordnances used P.O. Box for the first. Wrote Mays re coming. Capt McDonnell Geo Conan the Pas re land, sawmill and timber limit. C. J. Young

Calgary re Macdonalds letter from London so that then ___ an expert examine both. Wrote Godsal to the same effect. Paid into Northern Bank 15.00 rent for Barnes, so I am more than on time.

August

Calgary Alberta.

1 Thursday

Up early Sandow office. Wrote Mays got my pension ~~roH(?)~~ papers signed by Mr Lowes and mailed same to the comptroller asking him to pay the cheque to the address in Montreal. Went to the house rented from Majr Barnes but found it not yet fit to take over from the landlord. I then gave it back but measured all of the rooms. The yard is dirty, water scarce. Have to get a whirligig for the hose so as to sprinkle. Wrote Mays, Jim Clarke, and again Mays to fix about the schools and suggesting invitation to cousin James Clarke to go and see them attended to office work and visited the house.

2 Friday

Up early Sandow at night double the usual practice. Wrote Mays and several others. Visited Barnes house all correct Joe having turned on the water. I bought a whirligig and asked Joe to fix it which he arranged to do. Wrote department of Mil & Defence asking for the privilege of getting a list of the buildings which are to be constructed at Medicine Hat. Wrote about Surveyor to Major Sissons, visited the house twice no work being done as yet. Some boys swinging, told them to close the gate when they leave the place. Called on Mrs Macleod and chatted with her in the garden. Jean was there a fine girl she is. We talked of old times. I told her that all were fake stories about Major Jarvis.

3 Saturday

Up early. No official letter today two private from Mays letter from Hugh Clarke, John Harwood & Belcher, the latter to talk about Jarvis wishes to avoid writing. Wrote Hugh Clarke John Harwood, Mrs Antoine Harwood. Long letter to Mays. Joe has the sprinkler placed in the garden at Barnes house. Wrote Mrs Macdonell, Lethbridge. Met Welch at ~~lunch~~ breakfast and had a good long chat. Called on Mrs Howe and had a walk. Met Welch(?) late S.S.

4 Sunday

Up early. Church. Letters from Gus Long, James(?), more from Mays. Wrote Tilsey Mays, Davidson, Gus, Mrs Macdonell Major Sissons Med Hat.

Calgary, Alberta.

5 Monday

Up early, had a good rest. Office at 9.30 with Mackie who got the letter. Wrote Col. Macdonald re Dudley and others. Wrote him re trip to the Med Hat to survey barracks. Wrote to him about the transport for Mays and servants. Wrote Mays and enclosed letter. Also to Macdonell enclosing Major Hodgins(?) letter to me about a billet. Wrote Hugh J about the Steele case. Wrote D J Campbell. Godsall called and we talked over the sale of mines arranging about the place for barracks at Med Hat. Cameron of the Herald called and asked if the barracks are to be built at the Hat and I said I had no authority and could not tell him about it. Wrote ___ Bartram, Ried Morgan Clarence E. Steele. Visited the McHughs.

6th Tuesday

Up early. Office all day. Wrote Mays, Col. Sessard, Col. Evans, Mrs Macdonell, Capt Hilliam, about his clerk. Majr Gen Strange in reply to his in which he says the brevet rank should not be taken away from me as there is no precedent for it. Alex Strange re Commission and fall wheat. Godsall left for Banff before lunch. Wrote to the dept for a clerk. A very cool day indeed. Told Mays that she could do as she pleased about Gertrude. Wrote Forla a long letter.

7 Wednesday

Up early wrote Mays as usual a long letter. Office all day. Rained hard all night.

Calgary, Alta.

8 Thursday

Up early. Sandow forenoon and evening office. Not much work. Had a chat with Frank Oliver about the site of barracks. He is in favour of Calgary and says he will wire the Minister. He thinks the Militia Council did it all with knowledge of Govt.

Up early. I went to bed at 11.30. Sandow again as usual. Wrote Mays as usual, and got letters from her.

9 Friday

Up early Sandow a lot. Rain all day. Cold. The streets in a horrible condition. Busy at the office and wrote letters. I saw Frank Oliver the Minister of Interior and he says he will wire I stated that I had put off for that reason my intended visit to Medicine Hat. Sandow at night. Walked a good deal as far as the rain would permit. Godsall came and had a chat with me about the mines country prospects etc. Wrote Mrs Morris. Wrote Mays and got letter from her.

10 Saturday

Wrote Mays and got letter from her. Up early. Sandow as usual. Office at 9. Drill Hall. Let Mackie have leave to go to Banff. Wrote Mays, Mrs Morris, John A Macdonald re Godsalls mine. Wrote Antoine, Dr. Reggie, Henry Steele, Col. Birdwood for Lord Kitchener. Mackie to Banff today. Spent evening at the McHughs. Told them that Mr Oliver wants the S. Horse here and will let me know later, that I have to go to Edmonton and will hear when I get back again all about it. I should not have said anything. Time will tell if I was wrong or not. Rained in the daytime. Cold.

11 Sunday

Up early. Pd hotel bill to 7th went to church. Wrote Mrs Younger, the Manse Kinghorn. Letter from Jim Dickey. Letter from Duncan J. I wrote him today. Wrote Mays re the Roma wedding and wrote Hilliam.

Calgary, Alberta.

12 Monday

Up early. Inch stretchers office as usual busy. Wrote Mays. Got ready to leave for Edmonton.

Edmonton

13 Tuesday

Up early left at 7.30 for Edmonton. Dr Braithwaite on train for Edmonton too. Great change noticeable en route. Arrd at Strathcona at four all officers present. Majr Jamieson in Command of the squadron met me. Stores all right. Reggie met me and drove me over at five P.M. to his place in Edmonton. All glad to see me. Antoine and wife came to dinner. Tilly, Reggie much better. The Children well. Rolly a strong boy. Reggie not so strong both anxious to see me. To bed at one. Sandow and stretchers of Inch. Arranged for the Inspection of Patons stores at 9.30 am tomorrow.

14 Wednesday

Cloudy. Up early. Inch Stretchers. Inspected the stores of Patons squadron and found all correct. Armoury wanted at once if possible. Major Paton was in S.A. in Boer War. Met several friends. Senator Royal amongst the number. ~~Reggie was a guest as he showed~~ Several sat up and chatted with me until late. Wrote Mays every day while at Edmonton.

Edmonton

15 Thursday

Up early, fine, rained hard last night. Accompanied by Reggie and Major Thibaudeau visited St Albert and Morinville. Rained in streaks all the way. Stores too crowded at St Albert and Morinville but better at the latter place where it is kept by the squadron Sergt Major there. It is dry and clean. Home early dined at Reggies and a lot of people called. The Mayor and others. Reggies place.

16 Friday

Up early. Dry and fine. Left with Jamieson and inspected the squadron Aylens at Fort Saskatchewan. Down in 1.40 up in two hours stores all right a good building needs racks and fittings bought by the squadron with their pay. Aylen (Major) gave the ___ called on the Stricklands. He has been ill with dropsey both are very stout. She was small when last I saw her. The place (Ft) looks deserted. Banquet to me by the offices of all the squadrons in this part of the dist at Krokers(?) restaurant in Edmonton. Health drank responded with advice(?) Regretted(?).

17 Saturday

Up early very wet indeed. Went with Jamieson at two thirty 2.30 pm and soaked with rain saw the rifle range. Home early. Dined with the Griesbachs Mayor and Mayoress of the town. Drove to and fro. Sat up late with Reginald. Sandow and Inch.

18 Sunday

Up early wet. Walked a little lunch as usual with Reggies folk. Dined with Antoinnes and Tilsey at the Cecil. Sandow and Inch.

Calgary Alta

19 Monday

Up early. Sandow. Saw Martin and Antoine. The latter drove me to the station at 3.30 and around Strathcona. Jamieson saw me off. Introduced me to Carstairs an expolice man late comr in Nigeria. A very strong man weighing 265.lbs. Left at 4PM and had a chat all the way with Carstairs and a Mr Boyd, both very enthusiastic U.E. Loyalists. Carstairs says he is decended [sic] from Colonel John Munro of Fowlis Castle, and that his brother has the documents Arrived at midnight. Sandow and read letters until two P.M. [sic]

20 Tuesday

Sandow & Inch Stretchers. Office and found the new clerk Walter Clark installed. Wrote over twenty private and some official letters as well as official ones. Walked out at night for exercise.

21 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow and Inches stretchers. Wrote many letters and attended to routine, arranged to leave for Med Hat tomorrow at 12.55, to inspect the stores there and return via Lethbridge and Macleod, inspecting squadrons on the way home to Calgary. Wrote 21 private letters and signed many official ones. Very busy. Went to bed at 11.30. Sandow and Inch stretchers.

Medicine Hat, Alberta.

22 Thursday

Up early. Sandow left Calgary for here at 12.15 and arrived 6.00. Sent for Sissons after dinner he was at a ball game. The Mayor of Med Hat called. Great change here since I was here in .83, as inspector in chg of the place during construction of CPR. George Borodaile recognised me and came to speak to me he has been ill and is still weak but alive for a wonder.

Parker and Sissons called to see me and stayed until 12 midnight. Arranged to see Sissons stores at 10 tomorrow morning. Parker is to go shooting. Sandow as usual before going to bed.

Lethbridge

23 Friday

Up early, Sandow Inspected the stores of Sissons squadron and we then went to his ranche. J.H. G. Pray called so did Maunsell and George Borodaile. Went to the club with Maunsell and Mr. Crawford of the bank of Commerce. I suggested his raising a battery of art. He said he would think of it. I left at 9 PM with Maunsell and had a good chat. Bill Parker and The Reverend ___ Parker Miss Parker and George Borodaile saw me off.

Lethbridge

24 Saturday

Up early Sandow and Inch Stretches. Mrs Macdonell called. I lunched in a chinamans restaurant 25¢. Arrived by train from Medicine Mat. Maunsell with me had a nice long talk over old times and many things arred at 2 am. Stopped at the Coaldale hotel European plan. Mrs Cristy Macdonell there. Lunched and drove Mrs A R Macdonell and Mrs Cristy out. Took Mrs Cristy Macdonell to dinner. Had lots of fun and chaff about the waiter. Mrs C is Mays cousin and quite young for a married lady. Spent the night at the Cunninghams.

25 Sunday

Up early Sandow. Took Mrs Macdonaldell to breakfast at the Lethbridge also to lunch and dinner. She chaffed me saying I flirted with the waiter girls. Sandow. [next page] Supper at the Wilsons sat up with McLaughann(?). Drove the two ladies to cemetery and ranche.

Macleod, Alta

26 Monday

Up early. Sandow and Inch stretchers for exercise. Left at 10.30 had the annoyance of waiting for baggage to the last minute went to hurry the fellow up and gave him the devil he blamed the manager I believe he is right. Mrs Macdonell maid and babies came at the same time. Met Mrs D W Davis at the flag station near Strong ranche. She was glad to see me and we had quite a chat about the boys and other matters. Went to the Queens Ranche Harry Steadman. The son met us ___ with me, lots of people rushed to see me. Majr Campbell met me. Inspected stores a very bad place. Dined with Mrs Macdonell.

High River

27 Tuesday

Up early. Left Macleod at 8. Train left at 9 as the Spokane Flyer was late Majr Campbell came heavy rain. Got off at Claresholm met Mr Risk late RWMP The mayor and council called upon me and chatted a while they are anxious to have another squadron there and will do all they can to help us get it up they all say they can get that number. Left after lunch and arred here. Went to the wrong hotel a wretchedly furnished place run by a low Englishman. Grub poor walked about. Inspected the stores of C Squadron the Sergt Major present. Stretcher at night poor room.

Calgary Alta

28 Wednesday

Up early. Stretchers as usual. Paid bill after breakfast met George Hall and John Lineham at the station also a French gentleman and son. Got back here at 1.00 Lunched read letter took them to off. Read a lot of them and answered many. Went out for a walk with Mrs Howe who shew(sic) me the tennis court. Wrote many letters.

Calgary

29 Thursday

Up early. Office 8.30. Wrote Jim Steele. Mays Steele. Forla Steele, D.J. Campbell, wired to Majr Macdonell Wpg asking him to place a wreath on Col Camerons casket, Col George Cameron died to-day. Wrote many private letters and the clerk many official ones. Wrote John A Macdonell [*sic*] of Clock House Arundel Street Piccadilly. Wrote Antoine. Sent his wife a lot of Transvaal papers. Rain heavy in the evening. Mr Wilson called with horses to sell I arranged to look at them at 10 am tomorrow. Called on the McHughes and stayed until midnight. Used Developers & Stretchers morning and evening as usual.

30 Friday

Up at 6.30 went over with Capt Mackie at 10 am to see the horses brought in by Mr Fisher. They are a good lot. The best saddle horse is a little coarse in the head but apart from that is a good beast.

Wrote privately to Col Lessard Adjt Gen asking for Capt Mackie for a time as I have plenty of work for him to do. Wrote Mr Harold Cooke Lethridge. Mrs AR. Macdonell do, wrote brother John congratulating him on his birthday and wishing many happy returns of the day. Wrote Lt Browne, SAC, R. Hubert. Wrote Mays as usual got no letter from her. Asked her not to worry and only write weekly. Gave leave by long distance phone to Major Jamieson to hold a military funeral. Wrote Majr Macdonell re George Camerons death and another about (keeping)? Mackie and I have asked him for an a/c of the cost of wreath for poor Camerons coffin. Phone from ~~Edmonton~~ Strathcona for leave to have a military funeral in Jamiesons squadron.

Sat 31st Aug

Sat up late went to bed at 12.30 Sunday [*sic*]. Have a bad cold did not eat breakfast nor lunch. Put on mustard blisters and used cough mixtures got much better. Major Belcher called introduced him to to(?) Cowdry late of Macleod, Alta. Had a chat with an unknown man who says he is a com. traveller for English pickle and sauce firm(?). Went to bed at 11.50. No Sandow.

September

Sunday 2

Wrote two letters to Mays suggesting and giving advice to her re expenses on the way up. Feel seedy but better than yesterday. Sunday. Sick. Bad cold.

2 Monday

Up early. Sandow and Inch. In new office met Colonel White of the RNWMPol breakfast and lunch, had a chat with him dined at same table. Wrote Mays wired her in reply to her letter to the effect that she wants to get two hundred dollars worth of things at Morgans. Consented to her doing so and wired to the effect night rate at 5.30 P.M. Called on Marcella at the hospital. Had a long talk she is well. Sad tale of perfidy the building up up(sic) of Macdonells estate. Poor Minnie weak and ill fools met some _____. Got home at 10.30 and went to bed. Sandow and Inch first.

3 Tuesday

Up early. Office No letter from Mays wrote letter of introduction for Young Stedman to Major Gen Scobell CB Inspector Gen of Cavalry. Brig Gen, J H.G. Byng. Comdg bde at (1st) at Aldershot Colonel de Pledge. 19 Hussars, York Roger Pocock Legion of Frontiersmen 6 Adam St Adelphia London also Savage Club. Wrote a long letter to May showing looseness in winding up of the estate of poor Mac. Met Denny insulting as usual. Poor wretch it is pitiable that because I am not in the street and he is he is annoyed. Mailed my pension papers certified by Fred Lowes. Sandow for legs.

4 Wednesday

at 8.30 Office at 10 AM. Col White not at breakfast. Wrote Capt J.R. Macdonnell, signed a P. of A. for Mays re Col. A.C. de L. Harwood, of Vaudreuil. Wrote Mays. Wrote M. de B. Sillifant. Wrote Capt Hilliam, Saw "Big Jim" Macdonald at lunch, he looks well. Wrote Mays second time in reply to hers of the 29th August. Wrote letter to M. de B Sillifant in reply to his telegram asking me to apply for him as adjutant or quartermaster. Informed him that I had already recommended two for those and could not change. Called on Mrs Howe. Sandow and Inch. Went to bed at 12.30. Cough still annoying. Saw Big Jim Macdonell. He went south by train to Macleod.

Calgary Alberta, Canada.

5 Thursday

Up at 7.30. bath. Sandow for limbs. Cough troublesome, mail late. Went to drill hall and saw Kenny (Joe). Met Mr Lockett who comes from Frank with a letter. A

nice man who lost a sister in the earthquake in Jamaica. Wrote Hammond 12 Walshingham Mansion Stamford Bridge London SW. Wrote Mays twice Forla once mailed the letter to Sillifant c/c(?) of Donaldson. Wrote Miss Coffey and sent school papers asked for. Wrote letter of recommendation for Hammond. Cold troublesome.

6 Friday

Up early. Cold bronchitis. Confined to room wrote to Mays. George Hope Johnston Put a plaster on my chest. Letter to Mays on business.

7 Saturday

Up at 10.30 confined to my room wrote letters all day. Wrote to Mays George Hope Johnston and Jack called JJ McHugh called too, all to see me. Put on the plaster again. Did not cough so much ~~left(?)~~ breakfast in bedroom. McHugh says Mr Macdonell was swindled so does Jack Johnston. Letter from Marguerite Macdonell, Macleod re her invitation and the nice time I had driving with her and her sister.

8 Sunday

Up at 8 AM. Wrote Mays and asked her to see about the car getting off soon. ~~Wrote Mrs Macdonell about her express parcels.~~

Calgary Alberta

9 Monday

Up at 9.30. Cold still bad. G.H. Johnston called. Wrote Mays to bring up car for here. Got letter from her as usual nice one too. Letter from Mrs Macdonell about her express and enclosing one dollar. Wrote Majr Macdonell Wpg that Mackie(?) is not refusing to apply for leave so as to worry him and that he is is(sic) strongly in his favour. Wrote Col Edwards in reply to his re regiment of ~~the~~ infantry. Got a nice photo of Reggie and Tillies two boys. Asked Colonel Edwards to write me officially re the regt of infantry for Edmonton. Wrote cheque for 65.00 for Hotel manager. Wrote Mgr and signed note for what I have got. Wrote Godson and Mrs(?) Marguerite de B. Mcdonald re Mrs Macs parcels. Mrs Tilly Reggie acknowledging receipt of her boys photos.

Tuesday, 10th

Cold bad, should not have left the house yesterday. George Hope Johnston put on my chest a plaster which is less irritable than the other. Did not go out to-day, weather chilly and raw.

11 Wednesday

Up early, bad cough, bronchitis plaster on chest yet. Stormy weather. Wrote letters did not go out. Very lonely dreary and miserable. G. Hope Johnston called and had a chat.

Calgary Alberta

12 Thursday

Up early, breakfast in bed room after rising cough improving all day. Took cough mixture. Slept well. Rain and snow all day.

13 Friday

Up early. Sandow at night. Rain and snow all day. Streets slushy. No fancy walks on the streets. No white dresses. Did not leave the house. Breakfast down stairs.

14 Saturday

Up early. A little better. Sandow 30 times, bath, feel a little better. Wrote letters noted them in book. Sandow 20 at night. Rain and snow all day. Cold and raw. Did not leave the house.

15 Sunday

A little better to day. Wrote letters. Mackie called. Letter from Mays and others. Rained in torrents all day roads dreadful.

Calgary, Alberta.

16 Monday

Up at 7.30. feel a little better than usual for some days back. Wrote letters to several people saw the Calgary Furniture Co manager about furniture and was promised satisfactory arrangements. Wired Mays at 3.30 that if she had not already made arrangements we can do better here. Answer requested. Weather fine mud in the streets dreadful. Col. Turnbull called to see me and I later overtook him and his daughter on the street and was introduced. Went to the office at 3.30 walked in the forenoon as far as the drill hall and saw Joe Kenny. I only went for exercise. Sandow many times.

17 Tuesday

Office at 9.30 wrote letters all morning and got many. Mrs Gerald(?) Bate and replied. Miss Fitzmaurice and replied. Hon Mr Finlay to recommend Miss Fitzmaurice for a clerkship in dept of Agriculture. Mr AR Macdonell and replied re land. Vibert, Bank for Mrs Macdonell. Harry Symons and reply re Macleod Mine. Major Campbell re the same [*next line*] the same; Weather dull and cold. Lunch at 1. PM. Wrote Arthur Duncan in reply to his which is a scathing attack on the methods in the CPRy shops Wrote Mays in reply to hers and approved her action re the furniture. She says she will come up next week. Wrote Miss Marcella in reply to her kind one re my health. Called on Mrs Howe ~~las~~ at 8.30. Fine night, rooms too hot. Telegram from Mays.

18th Wednesday

Ember Day. Sandow.

Up at 7.30. Office 9.30. Telegram answering letter to Mays. Wrote Mays. DCF Bliss Lt Col in reply to his asking for the billets of Staff Adj. ~~Ap(?)~~ said I could not take any steps. Wrote Hon Secy U S Club ~~recommending~~ telling him that my address is not Hon Lt Colonel in the army, but brevet Colonel Canadian Forces and Lt Col permanent force, DOC in D. 13, Calgary Alberta. Called on Mrs Macleod & daughter Roma and left cards for each. Met Moffatt and wife on the street glad to see me, had a chat. Mailed six dollars to U.S. Club 117 Piccadilly and corrected my address which they had wrong. Wrote Antoine too and Castellain. Re wife.

Calgary, Alberta

19 Thursday

Up at 7.30. Sandow last night. Wrote to and received letters from R.J. Morgan, Capt Hilliam, Mays. Forla. The latter says the nuns lecture them on the evils of masonry (free) and she does not wish to fight about it but does not like to hear such

nonsense. Wrote Mays again asking her not to forget Mrs Allen. Wrote Minnie advising her to accept Mr Viberts suggestion to sell the land at Carmen at eight dollars per acre. Wrote Vibert to the effect that I do not wish to make any suggestions about the sale of Mrs Macdonells land. Pointed out to Mrs Macdonell that had the land been good I could have suggested to her to hold it for better times. I have a pain between the shoulders but hope to apply some embrocation tonight. Wrote Mrs Boyd Addlestone Surry Sandow at night. Fine.

20 Friday

Letter R S Steele re phone girl. Mrs Steele. Majr Sanders(?) G. Montgomerie Hammersmith London England his letters, Mgr Bell phone Co. JG Browne Kootenay re packing(?). L Col. Offrey(?) Shore(?) Mil dept Ottawa Canada enclosing copy of RLT Galbraiths letter. Colonel Peters in town en route to BC. Very fine in the afternoon. Wrote Mjr W.H.W. Carstairs of Strathcona in reply to his re Sir John Munro of Fowlis. Wrote Esther in reply to hers. Called on the Johnstons, Pete there and one of the boys. Left at 10.30. Sandow as usual went to bed at 11.45.

21 Saturday

Up at 7. AM. Did not bathe cough better letters from Mrs Macdonell. Viv Steele Gogarty, D J Campbell. R J Morgan, Butte Wrote Vibert to sell according to his own judgement the Land in Manitoba. Wrote Mrs Macdonell to that effect. Wrote Gus to get refund of five hundred dollars from J. T Bethune Windsor Hotel, Montreal. Sent him copy of letter I had written but did not send to Bethune. Left it to Gus to settle. Wrote Dr(?) Harwood about butter and eggs. Wrote M Gogarty. Wrote PW Vibert Union Bank for Mrs Macdonaldell(?). Wrote Mays to let me know about the quantity of butter and eggs for winter, also re Bethune and Mrs Allen. Walked out for exercise in the evening. Sandow.

22 Sunday

Up at 8.00. Had long chat with Capt Andrews of Wpg late V.R. Montreal. Now wire manufr. Supped at the Nolans very enjoyable indeed Capt and Miss Deane there. Sandow bed at 12.30

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23 Monday

Up early. Office at 9.30. Wrote Mays, Jim Mrs Davis Gus Harwood, Belcher (2) re Mrs Macs land Mrs Macdonell, Manseau, Major Campbell, Lt Horner, Dixon, Oswald Kealy, Med Hat A Manseau all in reply to theirs. We put the telephone in today. Cloudy this P.M. attended to all correspondence. Wrote D J Campbell to say that would like Chester Davis as an officer in the new regt. Wrote Dr de Veber re armouries and battery. Wrote Hilliam re Reads address and Col Sanders thanking him for Reads address.

Walked out after dinner to the Catholic hospt and called on Miss Marcella Macdonell who is there, came away at 10.50. Sandow until midnight. Hospt is twenty minutes walk.

24 Tuesday

Up early. Wrote Mays two letters in reply to hers of the 20th received today asked her to come up as soon as possible, as I am tired living this way. Wrote Gus and asked him to hurry the thing through as fast as possible. McHugh asked us to go to the opening of the Catholic Club and Mackie to go too. I told the latter. wrote confidential reports of the officers of the district. All fit for promotion. I put very good in judgement, tact & temper. Went to the opening of Catholic Club, had a pleasant time, to bed 1.30 in the morning of

25 Wednesday

Up early. Wrote Mays, newsy letter asked her to come up soon. Wrote Tilly Reggie about butter and eggs, gave her the news. Wrote Rodell Bros and Lake for double the butter. Wrote long letter to Read late SAC mentioned belt for rifle. Wrote Forla. Wrote the Standard for apology asking them to report on handwriting ~~run~~ nom de plume for(?) Purbrook.

Dined at Pat Burns' and stayed until ten A.M. enjoyed self very much, got home at 11.00 Sandow to bed at 12. midnight Telegram from Mays re butter, and eggs.

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26 Thursday

Up at 7. AM. Sandow, and stretchers. Wrote Mays in reply to hers to the effect that she will come on leaving Tuesday, the 1st Oct. Asked her to send up all the money that can be spared. Wrote C.E Steele re lawyers in Vancouver. Wrote Kealy Medicine Hat wrote Capt Palmer S Hampstead N.W. London. Wrote to the

Rodell Bros and Lake Wetaskiwin Alta re butter and eggs cancelling yesterdays order.

Lunch at 1.15. Sandow (10) too.

Went out last night and spent the evening in the company of the Talbots. They were very kind, had a nice time there and came away at 10.30. Sandow and Stretchers until 12 o'clock. Wrote Clarence E Steele.

27 Friday

Up early. This is my half brother Johns birthday. I must write again although I have already written to congratulate him. Wrote Capt Ben(?) in reply to his and sent him a list of rates pay for N.C.C.W.O. and Privates of Permanent Force. I also wrote A.G. and Mr Galliher on his behalf. Letter from Arthur Duncan short(?). A nice letter too. Long letter from Woodside, re my brevet rank being taken from me. Long letter to my friend Woodside. He is a good chap. Wrote Mays telling her that if she leaves on Tuesday we shall not have time to correspond any more. Wrote certificate of Hendersons discovery of gold in the Klondyke. Wrote Mrs DW Davis about Chester and enclosed Major Campbells letter. Went to Veterans Smoking Concert in honour of the band. It was fair. Walker there made a good speech. I spoke to self and the army, well received some rotten speeches by civilians made on discipline and the organisation of the force. Got home at 11.30, bed at 12.30 Sandow.

28th Saturday

Up early. Sandow bath and office. Wrote Mrs Macdonald. Mr Suckling the latter re Mrs ___ piano. Mr W.H. Cooper Edmonton Mr Cooper Edmonton Alta. Met Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Rogers at lunch. Wrote Capt Press thanking him for promising to do something for Capt Macdonell. Letter reced from Mr Carstairs of Toronto re Col John Munro of Fowlis, replied thanking him and wrote CA Harwood re same and money.

Calgary Sunday 29th Sept 07

[*Top of page has Sept.–Oct., 1907 printed on, Steele has crossed out Oct*]

Up early. Went to church 11.00. Small congregation. Walked out in the afternoon to 1126 to call on the Moffatts. Not at home, left card in the joint(?) of the door and walked home to the hotel wrote letters to Gus Harwood and Mrs Steele of Ottawa, Ont. Letter from Mays not to write after to-day as she would be en route. Walked out in the evening and after church called on the Rouleaus. Came home at

11. Sandow bed at 11.30.

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30 Monday 1907

Up early. Paid for my boots \$13.90 and gave the bootmaker another pair to alter. Letter Mgr Bank of Montreal asking to extend this note the end of next month. Major Belcher to see de Veber Capt Swift _____. The Comptroller with pension certificate. Hon L G de Veber re artillery in Lethbridge. James at Beaver Lake. Mr Alfred Light late Bandmaster SAC re his chances of a position. Wrote Major Barnes asking for the privilege of waiting until the 5th or 6th. Wired comptroller asking him to send my cheque tomorrow morning to Gus Harwood ~~Saturday~~ Montreal Canada. Wrote Strickland re discovery of Gold in the Klondyke. Wrote Mr Harwood. spent evening at the Johnstons. Sandow bed at 12.30 A.M. 1st Oct.

October

1st Oct 1907

Up early wrote letters for ex Lt Weatherhead Norham, Egremont, Cheshire England to whom it may concern. To Lord Strathcona and to him personally. Wrote brother John congratulating him on his birthday. He is 31 years older than I. Wrote Weatherhead a testimonial and mailed same. Wrote Flora. Wrote to Kellys directories Ltd High Holborn 182 18.3 – 18.4 London WC. Wrote Jim Dickey. Gogarty down here from Red Red Deer is working hard and is to raise a squadron soon, up there. Busy all day. Wrote about armouries yesterday and to-day found the judge very pleasant. ____ to-day. Called on the McHughs.

Calgary

2 Wednesday

Up early. Office 9 AM. Capt Saunders called to get leave of absence to survey in Manitoba until January 1908. Wrote Mr. WL Griffiths asking him to let me know when Macdonalds expert can see Empire Group. Wrote J A Macdonald Clock House to the same effect. Wrote Capt Hugh M. Clarke Jarratts(?) Corners(?). Wrote Wilson Banff about Mr Hooker & Mr Brown and asking if they exist. Wrote Beddy re 5.£ cheque for curios. Wrote Trew ditto to find out for me if cheque was cashed or if enough there for me-Beddy. Asked him to send a paper. Wrote James B Steele and sent rates for rifle ass^{ts} to him as well.

[Date not marked] Mays arrived today with Gertrude Harwood and Bagnall. Put up at the hotel took a suite of rooms for ___ and got a place for Bagnall and wife. Mr & Mrs ___ Heep driven by Col. ^{4th Friday October 1907} Walker

Up early. Arranged with Manager Hudson Bay Co re business of our supplies. He was very nice and a good man, I think, bought stove and all fittings for house, bedsteads and the palliasses I walked a bit with Mays around 11 and 13 ave from 2nd to 6th sts. I bitterly regret having accepted position and would not have done so had it not been for life insurance I have to pay. Big political meeting today at 7.30 or 8.00. Mr Borden, Cons. touring did not go. Ret at 10.30.

5 Saturday

Up early. The Heeps to Robertsons ranche in forenoon and all to race course to the hacking contest, much inferior to old ones at Macleod Alberta. Came back at 5.30 to office for Mays to go through her trunks. Bank states that I have overdrawn I cannot understand what is the delay in paying Gus my pay. This is a very expensive country.

6 Sunday

Up early church as usual. Met Revd John Macdougall & daughter. The Heeps went. We saw them off at 3.30 for Banff much pleased with their trip. Mackie very kind.

Calgary Alta

7 Monday

Up early, bad nights rest. Mays and I went around for a horse, a miserable lot. Dusty today. Wrote Gus, J.C. Carstairs Toronto. Bank Montreal for a/c. The union for advance for three months from now. Capt Ben Ivenburg enclosure. Mr Galligers letter to me in reply to mine. Bagnall and wife left the hotel. Sandow. W

8 Tuesday

Up early. Wrote Major Belcher two letters. Col Walker re Albertan and the drill hall. Strickland re Henderson & Cormack Dr de Veber, Major Barnes & the Magr Northern rank both re rent which I pay by cheque to-day for Sept. Got a telephone

in the house twenty dollars. Read papers all evening and went to bed at 11.30. Sandow.

9 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow. Letter from J A Macdonald 7, Clock House Arundel St Strand. Wrote, J S Carstairs re centenarian Munro, Majr Carstairs, re art, etc, etc. Circular letters to the mines people, Empire. Arranged household matters. Wrote Miss Flora Steele St Urbans Academy, St Urbans St Montreal, and also mailed cards of King Alphonso, Queen Alexandra and Queen Victoria. Cards from Morgan. Wrote R L. T Galbraith for a letter re latest date Empire Group can be inspected.

Calgary Alta

10 Thursday

Up early. Sandow. Wrote Forla a lot of post cards and a letter. Poor dear she is lonely and likes these cards. Wrote several others. Gus, Harwood re the Montreal bank mistake. Busy all day in office. Mr Brown ex Strathcona came re a veteran corps.

Walked out at 8.00 to the hospital and with Gerty called on Marcella who was glad to see her grown so much. Met J J McHugh and family. Miss O'Gara, Mr O'Gara and Frank McHugh. J J after a sale of lots for drill hall told him that I had nothing to do with it and that there was no authority for a drill hall and that he must see the council about lots as I have nothing to say about them yet. Mrs. McHugh and Miss O'Gara went on to see Mays.

11 Friday

Up early. Wrote John A Macdonald about coal in Crows Nest Pass and sent him copy of report and assays. Asked him to wire at once if he will take the offer. Wrote him about coal west of Edmonton and offered him a share(?) for five thousand dollars. Asked \$60.00 per acre for the lot. Went with Mays and bought side board, got carpenter to work on the house to repair things. Mailed cheque to Rodell Bros and Lake Co. for butter and eggs 60£ and 30doz. Ordered twenty dozen more eggs. Ordered my car to be side tracked at office. Sandow as usual.

12 Saturday

Up early. Bought side board at \$80.00 with Mays, bother about the car and

furniture generally. Wrote Macdonald about Mystery Group of Claims on Al___ Creek. Got a nice side board and dinner wagon at Calgary furniture co. store. Did not get our car unloaded must wait until Monday. Gave Mr Clarke leave to stay with us (the dept did.) After dinner walked as far as G. H. Johnstons corner and returned to hotel. Sandow as usual. Went to bed at 11.00. Slept well. George H. J. told us in the morning that we might have had his house.

13 Sunday

Up at 7.30 breakfast 9. AM. Wrote letters all day Dixon, Barnes, Dixon (2) Forla, Vivian, Gus, Harwood. Did not go to church, had no time. Did not go out in the evening. Sandow.

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14 Monday

Up early. The Pacific Co is hauling our carload of furniture. Busy in office. Wrote Hon Hugh J Macdonald about F Steeles acknowledgement of the debt he owes me on mines, sent copy of some to HJ Macdonald too. Whittaker came about house asking to rent it. Wrote Morgan about Steele(?). Rang up Whittaker to find out what could be done about the house and told him that I would be willing to sub let. Took a walk in the evening for exercise.

15 Tuesday

Up early. Office. Wrote Gus three letters, got an importunate one from Mrs Theobald through a mistake of hers. Paid the hotel people 153.00 for board for 12 days. Mays self and the two children one under ten years. Saw Mr Whitaker re sub letting Barnes house to a client of his he says that they have written Barnes about the house and to take it for five years. These people are on the irrigation ditch or canal. Telephoned George Hope Johnston and he came to the office at 8, he says we can have his house if he rents it. We moved into our new quarters (Barnes house) and slept all day.

16 Wednesday

Up early went over before breakfast and saw Mr Stead who tells me he wants 150.00 per month for his house warned him that some one is stealing his vegetables and that anyone coming should have a note. Wrote Elmes re ___ senior

and junior. The latter 1st Royal Sussex Umbala [*sic*] Punjab, Col W R Birdwood; Simla India. Major Belcher CMG, Lethbridge. Dr de Veber do. re artillery and Aylen. De Veber again re gun sheds but cautioned not to have it in print. To Mrs Theobald 7 Playfair telling her that she had been paid through Pattison and Coł. Major Barnes and C. J. Nys(?), Pretoria. Mays and Mackie went to see a house to rent. Elton called and discussed houses and mines.

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17 Thursday

Up at 7 AM. Walked after breakfast. Wrote several people. John A Macdonald, Mrs Macdonell Major Belcher re Stenant(?) Nolly-Dod re shooting ducks cannot go. RLT Galbraith, F Steele re Larsens group. Rodell Bros and Lake 60 lb butter at 25¢ and 30 doz eggs, case at 850. Phoned Calgary Realty Co re house at 18th avenue west, between 2&4th streets, Walked to 18th avenue and thence to second street west and from there back home all in a short time.

18 Friday

Up at 7.00 AM and after dressing walked up town to drug store and got a prescription filled. Arranged with them to pay monthly on my a/c. Office in the morning and afternoon and at twenty to four went to Johnstons place with Mays and saw how things were. It is a fine house. I hope we can have it. Went over it with George. Mays went over it with Mrs Jack Johnstons. Mays then went with Mrs Johnston to Mrs McHughs place to a Tea. Letter from dear Forla she writes well and wants pictures of herself to send away to friends in Scotland. Mr Clarke Dist Clerk ran about a lot to get horses for us but no good one to be found. Wrote Mrs Macdonell. Sent a letter to her. Wrote Forla a nice long letter. Drains seem unhealthy in the Major Barnes Ho.

19 Saturday

Up early. Miss Marcella called. Wrote Cornwall last night. Wrote A B Macdonald. Sissons and Harris to get report for Capt Cornwall. Wrote others. Wrote Harry Symons re coal.

19th [*sic*] Sunday, 292, 73.

Up at 7.30 AM. Mays went to church but turned back finding that she was late. I

went to the church of the Redeemer at 10.30 walked about until 11.00. Short service. After lunch wrote Henry Steel Blaenavon Frank Steele of Lundbreck Alberta. We went to tea at Mrs Howes. Met Mr and Mrs Elliot Davison there. Read all evening.

21 Monday

Up early. Office at 9. Wrote C A Harwood re Stewart. Re Bethune re Major Stewart of Hamilton, Mrs Macdonell, The Bks, Macleod Jon Wright. 159 Crofton Park Rd London. Brockley. Sent for tickets for concert of kilties. Mr Jephson called to pay forty cents on transport (40¢) over paid at _____. Had long talk. Letter from Major Barnes re subletting the house. Walked out with Mays ½ an hour. Went up town at 8.30 for newspapers and returned at 11AM. To bed at 11. PM. Sandow three times to-day. Got some pretty Photos of Russells from Morgan to-day. Wrote several letters.

22 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow and breakfast. Office at 9.30. Wrote Mrs S Allen Allenwood Co, Simcoe. Wrote Brig-Gen Macdonald, Q.M.G. Ottawa. Redirected letter to Mr. M.S Macdonell Macleod Bks Macleod. Walked out in the afternoon to town with Mays met Mr George Hope Johnston at the Cor of eighth ave and 2nd 1st street west and chatted a bit. Got back at 6am walked up town after dinner and got the paper. Inch and spring grip dumbbells a great deal. Went to bed at 11.30 P.M. Mrs Mackie came last night. Wrote Frank Steele.

23 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow and Inch. Wrote Mrs R.S. Steele Ottawa 38 Robert Street. Wired Miss Irene Neville 38 Robert Street, that she should come as there is billet open for her at once. Wrote C A Harwood Re a letter in reply to his re coal finance. Mrs Theobald four pounds paid to her for some damages to house. Wrote Dick Victoria giving J. B. Bright address. Blaine Washington. The town turned our water off on account of it not being paid by the previous tenant. Looked into matter and found that water rate had not been paid for 15 months. Wrote Stead previous tenant also Majr Mjr Barnes. Went with Mays and the children to the kilties band concert, very good, house full sailors hornpipe best I have seen for years. Got to bed by twelve.

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24 Thursday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Busy wrote letters and attended to routine. Walked up town and with Mays made purchases of articles. Mr Whitaker supposed to have gone to see about get sublease of Major Barnes house signed by lessee. Mr George Hope Johnston called and said that he did not need lease drawn up, and would give me 60 days notice on sale being offered, and that I am to give him a month before quitting. He stayed until ten 30. Mays busy with ball dresses and worried a lot. I helped her. Sandow again at 11.00. Returned at midnight.

25 Friday

Up early. Sandow and bath as usual. Office 9.30. Wrote many letters received many. Letter from Moon, Gus, Fall, Keyter, Strutt, Mrs Moon. Wrote out the information given by the latter, and mailed it to Basil Hamilton. Marvellous lot of correspondence. Wrote Gus to send all the funds he could spare me. Mr Whitaker at 5.00 had not done anything. He must hurry up if he is to take major Barnes house. Mays Capt Mackie and I went to RNWMPolice dance to night, and came home after a most enjoyable evening there. Drove in a cab. Deane and Mrs Duffus received. All enjoyed themselves. Sandow a little.

26 Saturday

Up early, Sandow. Some trouble about lease wrote Mrs Moon in reply to hers about the Hamiltons. Letter from Mrs Antoine Treadon(?) to Mays and me. Went to bed early. Wrote Gus, Forla. Disappointed re subletting the house. The agent put too much faith in the offer he received. We returned early. 11.30 PM. Telegraphed Majr Barnes to let me off the house.

Sunday, 27. Oct
22nd after Trinity

Up at 8 AM. Church at 11. Mays left at 10 and I walked from 10 to 11, then to church. Lunch at 1.30 did not eat any. Wrote Gus to give Forla four dollars for stockings and dental wash and to pay photo artist. Wrote phot artists Duplas(?) and Colas that he would pay them. Long-Innes, Cornwall sending copy of Major Ross. letter.

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28 Monday

Up early. Sandow. ~~Went for a long.~~ Office early. Wrote Sam Harris, Capt St John Broderick, 22 McGill college avenue Montreal in reply to his. Wrote Forla enclosing Mr Long-Innes post cards to her. Paper to Mrs AC de L Harwood Edmonton, letters to Sam Harris. Wrote Mrs Antoine de L Harwood, Mr Elton came to see about Jim Clarke, Symons & others. brought plan of house which wishes me to buy. Mr JJ McHugh called at 8.30 and spent a few hrs, Kathleen with him. Sandow spring grip & bells and Inches stretchers.

29 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow etc. Office at 9. Elton rung me up and asked leave to shew me a house. Which he did. Lowes house the one, a good one too but wooden and too sombre inside. Price twelve thousand dollars absurd! Wrote Long-Innes, Jim Clarke and others. Young Sproat came to the garden and talked nonsense to the children. We had a laugh at him. Johnstons house not quite ready yet for us to move into. Wrote Fall and Cornwall enclosing Sam Harris' letter (a copy). Went up town after office with Mays who was shopping making desperate efforts to match certain braid without success. We met Messrs Elton & Darker. Sandow, and Stretchers.

Up early. Sandow [*"30 Wednesday" crossed out*] as usual. Grip dumb-bells and stretchers. We are preparing to move into George Hope Johnston's House. Letter from Major Barnes in reply to my wire to the effect that he cannot cancel the lease of my house.

Dr Stewart called re battery at Lethbridge. I gave him any advice asked for. Colonel Walker called about a cheque which he claims is not correct. Wrote several letters.

Calgary

Thanksgiving day

31 Thursday

Up early. Sandow. Prepared to move to G. Hope Johnstons House. Mays went to a reception by ladies at the Catholic club. I went with Gerty and Harwood to bring her home. I got several letters and answered them all. Long-Innes one and several Post cards.

November

2 1

Busy all day. Bagnall cleaning up the House on first street his wife helping him. Wrote George H. Johnston asking him to fix up the house. Clean out cellar. Take away the stove, put in glass, get keys for stables and outside doors. Sandow morning and evening. Fine day. Walked out at night.

Nov. 3 Friday [*Nov. 1 Friday printed in book, Steele wrote a 3 over the 1 but crossed it out*]

Up early. Sandow. Very strong wind and lots of dust blowing all day. Wrote letters to Cornwall. Hardy and Tweedy(?) and enclosed copies of Sergt Mitchells letter and the printed inducements to join the permanent force of Canada. Mr Branif(?) John Harwoods partner called a nice sensible chap. Bagnall and wife busy. Letter from Morgan. Answered same. Wrote Jim, Gus Harwood, mailed one to Forla. Wrote Morgan, Belcher, and asked latter to go to Aldershot. Send him an application form. He writes to say that he retires in April on 1280.00 per annum. He is fortunate.

2 Saturday

Sandow. Busy all day. Walked out with Mays. Bagnall cleaning up the house G Johnstons. A big job as it needs a lot so many boys and children in it as well as visitors.

3 Sunday

Up early. Church at 11. Walked with Mays and the children to 16th ave and then walked to Church of the Redeemer. Walked out in afternoon [*next page*] with Mays and children to find Mrs Whitehams(?) house. Sandow as usual.

4 Monday

Up early. Sandow Mays and I to house Johnstons to see what had to be done. ~~Reo~~ Measured the floors and windows. After lunch up town shopping. Prices enormous, bought paper and chairs for rooms. Made arrangements to move to George. Hope House tomorrow. Teams at 9. Stove at 10. Sandow and Inches stretchers.

5 Tuesday

Up early. No Sandow. Telegram from Macdonald (Cable) London that he is at Vancouver leaving to inspect Empire and that I am to wire him hotel Vancouver [*next line*] Vancouver to where to proceed. Did so and wired McBean to meet him Jaffray and Lee to wire Galbraith to meet him. Wrote Galbraith, Lee, McBean and Godsal. I then went to Youngs office and told him. I authorized him to wire Lee re the inspection of ~~Galbraith~~ Godsals mine on Arrow Lakes. I ~~wired~~ I wrote Galbraith about Lee and also to McBean. Got letters typed by Mr Clarke so as to have copies of same on hand. Telegram from Mrs Macdonell that she cannot come today. In Johnstons House Today.

6 Wednesday

Up early. Telegram from Mr Lee M.E. who is to inspect the "Empire Group." Cold today and north wind. Wrote letter in reply to Col. John Anderson late Controller S.A.C. Clare Farm Trichardts Transvaal Alex McBean about Lees arrival at Jaffray, BC. To Galbraith about the inspection of Empire group. Hon Frank Oliver recommending Capt St John Broderick for a billet on the coast re asiatics. All of our pictures and other bric a brac from Africa or rest of it has been badly smashed up. I have never seen such a mess. We fired all labourers and teamsters here a bad lot careless and very independant. Bad bringing up the cause of the whole trouble. What a curse they are.

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7 Thursday

Up early. Sandow. Night & morning. Wrote Eau Claire co re electric light. Lott re coals Benson and Houlton Co. J.H. Ashdown Co. Wm Pearce Esqr . R. Belcher CMG, Lethbridge. The Misses Neville came up. Mr Clarke saw them around. They phoned me. I could not go so he kindly went. Mays Mrs Macdonald, Gerty and Harwood went to a social at the R.C. Club, McHugh called at 10 and sat with me until after they came home. Went to bed at 12.30.

8 Friday

Sandow. Up late. Must not do so any more. Office at the usual hour. Plasterers in the house. Letters from Curtis, Galbraith. Wrote McBean, Capt Gordon re Kilties Galbraith, Mrs R S Steele Robert Street (38). Lee Esqr M.E. Clarke did what he

could for the Misses Neville. Drove to see the Pearces and say goodbye and Godspeed.

9 Saturday

Up early. Sandow twice. Office all forenoon. Walked out and shopped. Got no news of my pay.

10 Sunday

Sunday. Up late last night. Wrote letters did not attend church. Walked out with Mays in the afternoon. Called at the Hospital and Mrs Howes.

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11 Monday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Wrote several letters and got many. Capt Gordon called to see about his corps. Told me that after the meeting Dr Stewart asked for the vote of the Capt and hinted at it for the men to vote too. The old story. Wrote Dalton 423 11th ave Wash re claims staked for Jarvis and self. Wrote Senator de Veber asking him to assist. Got a letter from him to-day in which he said he would help if I wrote him. Wrote confidentially about Militia matters.

12 Tuesday

Sandow, up early. Office 9.30. Wrote Col. Edwards Edmonton. Carstairs Strathcona. Mrs Steele 38 Robert St Ottawa Ont. Got a dead letter which I wrote Capt Palmer DSO but failed to put the number of the house on it. I address 26 Compagne gardens. S Hampstead London W N.W. I readdressed it and enclosed Sam Harris' and Major Ross' letters re Canada.

13th Wednesday

14th Thursday

Up early. Sandow. Up town and shopped after attending to official letters. Bought paper for the hall at Jones' and the bedroom paper at Hudson Bay Stores. Wrote Macdonald in reply to his and kept copy of type written private letters.

[*Line drawn, 14th indicated*] Wrote officially enclosing all of Eltons papers in the

coal deal of McInnes and Harvey et al. Went up town and cashed cheque for 320 dols at Union bank also paid in full my note at the bank of Montreal. Came back and got Mays to go out with me and get a jacket for herself. Cold in the morning but got warm a bright sun shone and all yesterdays snow melted. Wrote privately to Macdonald Clock House Arundell Street Strand. All well in type and asked him to write.

Calgary, Alta

14 Thursday

Letter from J A Macdonald re the coal the Empire and the other group. Visited Mr Elton and shewed him a letter from J A Macdonald Esq 7 Clock House Arundel Strand.

15 Friday

Up early. Paid by cheque rest of my Oct accounts. Gus wires that he is sending draft for 200.00. Wrote Army and Navy stores and enclosed P.O.O. for one pound stg and asked for a catalogue by return mail. Busy all day. The house is not yet settled up. Many people looking at the Barnes house. Wrote Capt Deane re store room.

16 Saturday

Up early. Sandow. Went to bed at 12.05 midnight. Office 10. Painters in the house and paper hangers. Wrote Flora, Esther Miller, Col. Edwards. Picture cards to Mrs Miller, Grace, Forla. Col. Edwards re regiment and officers.

17 Sunday

Up early. Church at 11. Mays and children to R.C Church. Walked out in P.M. went to Mrs. Howes to five O.C. Tea.

Calgary

18 Monday

Up early. Sandow. Mr Mapson rung up to find out if I could rent a house. I arranged to see tomorrow about it. May wish to get it lower, much lower. Mr

Whittaker did not call to see about it as he had promised. Elton called at night, re coal. Very violent windstorm at 6 PM upset my storm sash and cost me a lot of bother lots of glass broken. Mays and the paper hangers and painters busy at the house. Shall look nice. Office at 10, busy, wrote a lot.

19 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow. Office at 10.00. Mays and Mrs Mac busy all day at picture hanging My little pay came today two hundred. Wire from Richmond Lee about inspecting Empire thinks snow too deep, and asked advice I wired to go ahead. I also wired Galbraith to meet him and [*next line*] and Lee to wire Galbraith. Men busy painting the window sash and glazing them. Weather fine, Letter from Duncan.

20 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow. Wrote Gus re debts of mine and amt needed from him to settle them. Wrote Mr Lee confirming wires of yesterday. Paid Bagnall fifty dollars by cheque on the bank of Montreal. Pd postage sent to Gus by mistake ordered a ~~clothesline~~ automatic, clothes line. Wrote Mrs Steele. J A Macdonald re papers sent to dead letter office by mistake. Wrote letter for J B Clarke to introduce Elton. Elton called last night and stayed until 11.30 PM.

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21 Thursday

Up early. Sandow. Office as usual, house being painted. Ordered Benson and Houlton a man to put up storm windows. Mays busy at house. Fine day. Wind at 4.30 and lots of dust. Wrote Nys Pretoria to ask how many of our cases were shipped. Dr de Veber Senate to find out what is to be done re corps recommended. Wrote Mr Herron M.P. about the same asking him to support did not keep copy of his did so re Me of de Vebers. Ordered two-seated carriage for ball. Went to the assembly dance immediately after dinner. 8.30 a lot of people there. We met Mrs Howe, Mr Lougheed Mr J J Younge Calgary, Mr Burns, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Helm received.

22 Friday

Up at 9 AM we overslept ourselves not having returned from the ball until late.

Office at 10.30. Lunch got a fire alarm at the stables of George H Johnston. The fire dept very promptly put it out. Called at Mrs Howes to see how Joe is. He cut his hand yesterday and they had to get the Doctor to it. Tremendous dust storm all day just the one before we got into Ermelo in 1901. Wire from Richmond Lee that MacBean is sick and his son too but that he will do his best. Wired Galbraith to try to meet him. Wrote RLT Galbraith to confirm wire. Mailed papers to Miss Tilsey. Wrote mining recorder at Allan re Jarvis and my claims. Deane re stores. Frank Steele John Steel to come to Christening.

[23] Saturday

Up early. Wrote James B Steele re Mays lots being registered. J B Clarke re Elton coal property. The principal western college. Belcher re his visit. Harold Cooke re a billet. C A Harwood re newspapers not coming and asking him to arrange. Fine day. Clouds banking up on the Mts a la Chinook. Office early, busy all morning. Chief English re boys misconduct every day from the separate school. Sat up late went to bed at 10.30. Sandow as usual.

24 Sunday

Up early. Went to church at 10.40 got there at 10.50. Came home and met the Gigots Charlie and ~~others~~ his sister Agnes en route from their church. Mays and I called on the Mother Superior at 4.30 then on Mr McHugh. [next page] Sunday. Sandow as usual. They came the Gigots and Mr G H Johnston to see us after dinner.

25 Monday

Up early. Sandow as usual, got letters from Galbraith re Empire. He could not go down to see Lee. He should have been very careful to do so as he knows the business best. Office at 10.30 AM. Paid for the swing clothes line. Wrote John Johnston c/o Mrs Miller PO Box 100 Orillia re M ___ McD. Pedigree(?). Esther Miller re the same. Capt Carke re Donald Maclean. Henry Birks for Mrs Macdonell re catalogue Christmas.

Max. 68. Min. 24°. Got a visit from Miss Marcella Macdonell saw her back to the hospital. Went to bed at 11.30. House warm had to turn off the heat in the lower rooms.

26 Tuesday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Max 68° min 32° thirty two deg. Strong west wind came up and caused fearful clouds of dust. Letter from London to my care from Richmond Lee. M E. mailed it to Jaffray BC. It will most likely miss him. Wrote reports on the CMR and 15th Light horse and Alberta Rangers. Had to depend on Mackies more intimate knowledge of the officers and men as I only met them last year and only knew a small number of them. Reported favourable on units that I was aware of. Two carloads of equipment and ammunition came in by rail.

27 Wednesday

Up early. Min 24°. Sandow. Office at 9.30. Clarke busy getting ~~Cavalry~~ ~~Stores~~ military stores hauled from cars to drill hall. A.B. Macdonald called to-day with Montague Leeds. The latter tells me that he has married Miss McCarthy sister to MacCarthy S.A.C. Mapson telephoned me that a Dr Douglas wishes to call and see the Barnes house. Calgary News called and I took it until Jan for 25 cents. Home at 6.15 from office.

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28 Thursday

Up early. Cool. Sandow. Max 42° Min, 24°. C. Ireland a conductor in the army stores department arrived from Esquimalt. Capt Mackie and Mr Clarke busy storing the ordnance stores which arrived from Ottawa , part in the drill hall part in the here, part in the RNWMPolice barracks. Letter from Godsall and Galbraith re the mines. Godsall writes to ask me to ask Cochrane to arrange to let me have a percentage on sale of the mines at Lardo and divide with him. Wrote Cochrane accordingly and also Galbraith in acknowledgement of his letter. He does not give much encouragement re the Empire Group. Larsen thinks the ore too low grade. I went out up town at 5.00 and got my hair cut & shopped. Telephoned in reply to Elton that J Richmond Lee had gone home.

29th Nov. Friday

Up at 7.30. Max 42. Minimum 32°. Cloudy. Came to office at 10. Wrote Galbraith, Godsall, Cochrane, Long-Innes R N Wilson (J.D) Miss Flora Steele, C Hilliard, Standoff. James Wilson, Med Hat. Busy writing. Paid George Hope Johnston by cheque 88.00 for hard coal in the cellar, arranged for the chimney sweep to come and sweep on Tuesday next. Wrote Godsall for price of gold mine.

Got ~~myy(?)~~ my cheque from department of defence for 24.88. Wrote Gus a long letter re my a/c the clerk in his office made a clerical error of \$60.

30 Saturday

Up early. Sandow, busy until 2.00. Went out in the afternoon with Mays shopping bought apples and other matters. ~~Max~~ Min 22° Max 42°.

December

Dec 1 Sunday

Up early. Sandow. Went to church. Weather fine. Min ~~Max~~ last night 21° 42 max. Mrs Mac and Mays went in the morning. Mays and I went out calling on the Talbots and [*next page*] other people.

2 Monday

Min 21° Max 60°.

Up early. Office at 10. Went up town at nine and got Lowes to sign my pension papers office then and wrote Cochrane re the Lardo properties. Wrote Comptroller and enclosed my pension certificate. Wrote Gus Harwood and enclosed my draft for fifty dollars to pay up debts. Asked him to let Flora have ten dollars. Wrote Godsall to acknowledge the withdrawal of his letter re commission. Address Iscoyd Park, Whitchurch, Shropshire England. Wrote Gus about Louise being out of the Farish house and suggesting a remedy. Wrote him too about the payment of Nov a/c with Oct pay. Did not mention to Godsall that I had refused a commission. This is a glorious day. Belcher called and we called on them.

3 Tuesday

Up early, fine day. Max 42° Min 22° at 7.45 AM. Wind light and in the west. Last night Belcher came up and had a pleasant chat. He is en route to Edmonton to leave the M Police on a pension of 169⁰ lucky fellow he is I think. Mays and Mrs Macdonell called on Mrs Belcher and the young ladies at the Hotel Alberta and Bob and I went down to see them later. We left at 11.30 and went to bed at 12.30 AM. Belcher is glad to get out of the corps. Belcher is pleased to be the C.O. of the new corps at Edmonton. Letter from and to Frank Steel re Christmas visit. Mgr HBCo with cheque \$50.00 Magr Calgary furniture(?) Co with cheque \$50.00. S.G. Freeze cheque 3.40. Wrote Frank to come and stay as we have a room for

him.

4 Wednesday

Up early. Slept badly. Indigestion. Mays and the rest the same. Min 30° 32° Max 50 weather glorious. Wrote letters in office. Several carloads of saddlery and tents came to us from Ottawa. Got chimneys swept. Poor young Oliver the dentist buried. Star came yesterday went up town at 3.00 got medicine for the indigestion. Letter from Supt answered it. Wrote Basil Hamilton re his people. Paid Cartage Co Ltd (Pacific). Glorious day, just like spring. Mays and Mrs Mac up town at 8.30 P.M. to shop and see about freight. Mr Duff and Mrs Davis called to see Mrs Macdonell. The children did well at school. Coldest last night 34° max at night 4x5th40°.

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5 Thursday

Up early. Office 9.30 AM. Min last night 34° Max 40°. Max at 2 PM Today 42°. Letter from Elmes Henderson, the Edmonton Bulletin and others. Wrote Elmes Henderson Jarvis giving him full explanation of the Empire Group and Lees inspection as well as all the news possible. R N Wilson re Hilliards application and in reply to Wilsons letter re same. High west wind and clouds of dust in the P.M. Wrote out some stuff for the Edmonton Bulletin, but decided not to send it. None of these things can be written without a lot of the capital I on them and wrong impressions created by the statement. Wrote accordingly to the lady who asked for the notes.

6 Friday

Up early house very comfortable. The children went to church at 8.00 AM, back at 9 AM to breakfast. School at 9.30. They are kept busy. Sandow as usual. Thermometer registered min last night 12° of frost. Must get a self registering spirit thermometer. Max was 42° today. Mays went to Mrs Mackies to pour out tea I looked for the house at 6PM but could not find it . Wrote letters. Got the Transvaal mail. One letter states that lots of nice people are suffering great distress there. Long-Innes writes to ask for a testimonial he deserves it if any man does. Podevin also writes from the same and asks for same.

7 Saturday

Up early min 16° office at 10. Wrote letters for Long-Innes and Podevin. Did my work. The supplies ordnance are all stored safely. Wrote MS McCarthy MP. Got letter from Herron to say that he would support the Militia recommendation. I wrote McCarthy in reply to Herrons and must write Herron.

Max at 1 PM 28°. Office at 2.30 wrote letters John Harwood. Bank of Montreal Threadneedle St. EC Long-Innes Testimonial of service. Bank of Montreal Calgary. Cheque 9.55 to pay overdraft at Theadneedle. St. John Harwood sixty dollars to pay for market produce.

8 Sunday

Up early. Church 11 AM. Mrs Macleod called in the P.M. Mr & Mrs White ___ called. Mr Norman Macleod called to also Mrs M asked Mays & Self to the [next page] The wedding of Miss Morris on Wednesday.

9 Monday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Dumbbells and stretchers & dumbbells. Letter to Lieut Podevin. Met Elton who said that he heard from Jarvis about the coal. Wrote Bartram about the coal too. Wrote Mrs Patrick and enclosed a letter from the deputy P.M. Gen to the effect that there is no vacancy for her. Wrote Podevin a testimonial and a letter Capt. Boulanger called and reported as ES.C(?) officer he is to get quarters for himself.

Walked up town at four o'clock and did some shopping. Civic election to-day. Mayor Cameron reelected by over 450 majority over Jack Clarke. The old council all but one reelected. Weather got milder. 20° min, Max 32°. this night.

10 Tuesday

Sandow as usual. Weather fine. Min 20 Max 36°. Office at 9.45 wrote nobody privately, a lot officials in routine. Wind west. Left office at 4 PM and went up town came back with Mays and Minnie and sat up until 11.30 PM. Marcella called. The children are doing well at the school. The Morris wedding is to be at 4.30 tomorrow. Mr Gauvrau is the bridegroom. Sandow as usual at bedtime. Also dumb bells and stretchers. Did not sleep well. Took thermometer upstairs at bedtime and found max 65° and min 55 in bedroom last night.

11 Wednesday

Up early. Sandow as usual. Max° 32° Min° 22° off 9.45 AM. Rung up Ashdown to look up my cheque 44.10. Wrote Gertrude Hubert, G P Dillon, the latter a certificate of R. R. Expd. Calgary furniture store to the effect that they do not credit me with the payment of 50.00. Ashdown by telephone to the effect that they do not credit me with 45.10. Sat up late reading.

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12 Thursday

Up early. Min. 32°. Max 40°. Chinook light and mild blowing. Rented Barnes house at fifty dollars a month. Wrote to all of the Empire people telling them that Lee had inspected the property. Wrote Jim Steele in reply to his about Gus not answering. Wrote Gus reminding him. Wrote Gus and enclosed a P.O.O. for 16.00 to be paid to Flora and Foresters. Sandow as usual. Mays went up town. Busy in office all afternoon. Sat up late.

13 Friday

Up early. Max 40° Min 22°. In house very pleasant not so hot as usual temp 65° max. Min at night 55°.

Letters from one Mr Charles Steele of 180 St James St Montreal. Letter from Thos Power SAC. Wrote in reply to his enquiries. Wrote Charles Ayling Steele c/o Clarence de Sala 180 St James St Montreal Canada. Max 40°. Did not go to the office in the afternoon. Went up town made some purchases. No work ready for me in the office. Elton came last night and told me that he had a letter from Jim. KC. he gave it to me to read. Jim KC has been prompt fifteen thousand extra loading is required on coal property. Elton is sending the letter.

14 Saturday

Up early. Snowing slightly North west wind. Min 22° Max. [blank]
office 10.20. Wrote Mrs Harwood & Forla today. Letter Wrote John re turkeys and potatoes. Went up town with Mays at 4.30 and got things in the HBCo and at Singers Sewing Machine Agency 8th Avenue. Ordered two of the largest turkeys at Burns for Christmas. Mays ordered a sirloin roast for tomorrow and was promised one. Went to bed at 12.30. George Hope called at 8.00 and remained until 11.30 and then went to meet his brother Jack at the station. Sandow several times today.

15 Sunday

Up early. Sandow. Max 22° Min 22°. Church wrote letters to Antoine, CA Steel enclosing Capt J E Steel's letter. J.A Harwood, P Creek. Major Belcher, Mrs McHugh called at night I saw her home.

16 Monday

Sandow

Up early sent post cards to Strutt Damant(?) Madoc, Trew, Bateson, Gertrude Hubert. Wrote Belcher . The manager union bank, my beef and pork has come. Potatoes en route. Sent picture cards to Gen Strange Henry Steel, Gen & Lady French. Mrs Hess, post cards to Duthie & the little Hess girl. Wrote John W Harwood enclosing 5.35 in full for beef and pork a/c. Benson & Houlton in full 12.50. NW ___ 11.65 in full to date. A J McDonald Alberta stables in full to date. John W. Harwood Pincher giving copy of his letter and statement of cost of beef and pork, etc, as he thinks he made a mistake. People moving furniture into Barnes House.

17 Tuesday

Up early Sandow. Max 20°, Min 0 zero last night. Letter from Pilkington re SAC officers and asking for information. I wrote a lot for him. Wrote Bartram, wrote the bank to wire down 125.00 to pay life insurance they promised to do so. Anthony has come for the Lethbridge battery. Ten pp for Pilkington. Max 20° Min 14°.

18 Wednesday

Up early Sandow as usual. Wrote Gus about the enormous premiums to be paid the Federal Life and asking him to see about it. Wrote Colonel Pilkington CB Stys(?) E Gwent Holyhead North Wales re the S.A.C. Wrote J H Ashdown. Went down town after four with Mays to get furniture for the spare room upstairs. Capt [blank] called and asked for recommendation for the permanent force. I told him to get some recommendations from people that he knows. His papers are A.1. very good indeed. Max 20° Min 4° above zero.

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19 Thursday

Up early Sandow both morning and evening as usual.

Min last night 4° above zero. I entered on the 18th by mistake about Capt Clifford that he came that day. He came this AM and is making an application to join the permanent force of Canada. Wrote Mrs D W Davis re Chester. J A Brock managing director Great West Life re increase of insurance. Majr Gen Lake CB CMG. 40° below 0 today in Lima Mont.

Went to Pink Tea show with Mrs Mac and Mays. It was a failure, very poor and as usual with amateurs too many encores. Sandow when I got back. Col Walker and Mackie Capt Deane & friends the only uniformed people.

20 Friday

Min today 8° above zero. Max 38. Wrote Army. Navy Stores. Wrote Mapson. Major McMillan, Raye Moon. It is thawing in the sun. Mays and Mrs Macdonell busy at furnishing the spare rooms and getting ready for Christmas. They are overtasking their strength. Antoine and femme are coming on Sunday. Pork & Turkeys came to-day from Pincher Creek and letters from Richard Hubert and Dick Steele, both answered. Elton called about the coal and he was with us until 11.30. Weather got warmer at house very hot. Had to have the doors open.

21 Saturday

Up early weather fine. Max 40°, Min 20° above zero last night. Pearce rung me up in the office to ask me if I wishes to carrey(?) out the _____. Deposited Mapsons xcheque(?) on the Union 85.50 eighty five fifty. Wrote lots of official letters.

22 Sunday

Up early Church at 11. Ordination of a priest or deacon. Walked out in the PM. Antoine & Tilly arrd at 11.30. Jolly and all glad to see them. Max 40°/0. Min 16° above zero.

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23 Monday

Up early. Sandow office 10.30 Min 16° above zero. Max. 32° above at noon.

Wrote Gus re his letters and statements also explained Jims position. Antoine and Tilly came at 11.30. I met them at the station.

24 Tuesday

Sandow. Up early. Frank and John Steel to come see us and spend the week with us arrd at 1.00. Max 40° above zero.

On the 19th it was 40° below zero in Lima Montana so R.J. Morgan writes.

25 Wednesday

Christmas. Sandow. Church with Frank and John. Min 0°. 2 below at night max. 36°. Very pleasant Christmas. Lots of cards, books and presents for everyone. We walked out in the P.M.

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26 Thursday

Sandow. Weather fine. Min 0° Max 30°. Frank & John, Antoine and Tilly with us.

27 Friday

Sandow. Fine weather. 0° Min 0° Max 32°. Walked downtown with Frank John Antoine Tilly and Mrs Mac. Then to see Marcella over the hospital which is very good indeed. Mays had a party in the evening. Vibert Capt and Mrs Mackie, Mrs Costigan, Mrs Howe came to see us and appeared to enjoy as much as possible what she did for them. All very jolly.

28 Saturday

Min 0. Max 32°. Off 11.00. We drove out in the afternoon and had a look at the Rockies. All hands went Mrs Macdonell Mrs A C Harwood (Tilly) Mays Frank and John Steel. Gerty and Harwood in the evening at 6.45. Frank and John left stating that they had never enjoyed a Christmas even at home more than this one. Weather delightful. Sandow twice in the day.

29 Sunday

Min 0 Max 20° above zero. Church Tilly went with me to C of E the rest to RC. Weather delightful. Sandow twice in the day.

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30 Monday

Up early. Office 10.00 mail small. Min 0° last night. Max 20°. Did not go to office in the PM as there was nothing to do. Went out with Antoine at 8.30(?) and bought some cards and films. Went to bed at 10.30 P.M.

Wrote Flora a long letter and encouraged her as much as possible.

Did not do Sandow as I had a slight dull pain in the direction of the liver. I must eat lightly. My appetite is too good.

31 Tuesday

Sandow. Up at 7.45 back a little better breakfasted on toast and coffee. Office 10.30 Colonel Walker there re raising a fifth squadron to his regiment. Decided on having a troop at Gleichen, Innisfail, Devils Pine Lake and Carstairs, and will recommend another squadron.

Went to the Police New Years dance with Mays Tilly and Antoine. A good time. Did not dance. Stayed in ball room all the time. Came home at 1.00. Gave the Cab man a cheque for five dollars, self or bearer. We retired at 3 three am 1st. All hands at ball joined hands & sang all lang syne [*sic*]. The bugler sounded last post.

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1908. Jan. 1 Wednesday

Up at 8.00. Temp^{re} Min 4° above zero. Max 32° above. Went to the office and attended to matters. Mays went to church Mrs Macdonell remained in bed. Antoine and Tilly packed for Edmonton. Mays . I saw them off at 3.45. Team too late to admit of their baggage being checked. They went off much pleased with their visit. Mays had several callers. Capt Deane. Two young men from W. College. Mr Cross. Mr Cochrane, George Hope Johnston, some(?)the whole. The habit of calling seems to have been done away with here chiefly caused by the influx of Yankees and other foreigners.

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2 Thursday

Up late, office 10. Sandow slightly. Min 10° above zero. Max 36°. Letters. Walked out at 4.00 with Mays and called on Mrs McNeil and on the Macleods. Came back and then went out again and called on the priest of the Catholic Parish Father Jean. Went to bed at 11.00.

3 Friday

Up early. Office 10. Mailed post cards to many friends. Min 10° above zero. Got letters from Keyter and others. The former thanking me for testimonial to Lord Selborne. Did not come back to office after lunch. Mr Cunningham of Lethbridge called to see me and on ladies. Sat up late. Have slight pain across the small of the back. Think kidneys are affected in some way. Sandow as usual. Max. 32° above zero.

4 Saturday

Up early office 10.30. No official mail of any importance. Sandow as usual. Pain in small of back. Very thirsty all last night. Minimum 12° above zero. Got a lot of Transvaal post cards and Christmas cards also. Sent cheque to Calgary City Water Works to pay for a quarter in advance \$2.25. Max 32°.

5 Sunday

Min 32° thirty two. Max 40°. Mild Chinook. Short blizzard nine to 10 N.W. then mild. Wrote Sissons Campbell and James B Clarke.

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23rd July 07

Letter from a general forwarded to O.C. B. Squadron CMR Strathcona re Robert Macdonald alleged to be a member of that Corps personating a mounted police man at Indian Head.

Wrote to Tennent care of Mr Clark Cousin of View & Douglas Sts Victoria forwarding letter of A.G. re apt in Strathconas Horse.

Wrote QM.G. re one of Sergt Travers houses for offices.

Capt J. R. Macdonnell 134. Mansfield St Montreal 4th Sept in reply to one dated 29 Aug 07.

12 Walshingham Mansions Stamford Bridge, London. Arthur H Hammond.

Monday 6th Jan Mays and Mrs Mac to Mrs Siftons Tea.
I saw Pearce, he paid me 500.00 by cheque on Imperial Bank.
Max 40°. Min 20° above zero. Sandow.

Tuesday Sandow. Up early.
Min 14° above zero.

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