Steele Diary 1893 2008.1 Box 2, Folder 2

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Superintendant S. B. Steele

January

Sunday, January 1 – Monday, February 13 Blank

February

Tuesday 14

Returned to duty to-day. Have been very ill from the 26th December until this date. Very mild during the night. A number of dead cattle reported near Big Beard. Great many cattle dying near the Boundary Creek.

Wednesday 15 Ft Macleod

Much milder. Wind from west all day. Foot drill for new men under Mahoney in D. Div Stable.

Thursday 16 Ft Macleod

Very mild. "Chinook wind" Sgt Major Stewart left for Regina.

Friday 17 Ft Macleod

[crossed out Fine. Lots of snow(?). A number of arrests have been made in Pincher Creek(?) chieflymen from the lumber camps.

Indians

One lodge of Chipeways near Big Beard on Kootenai R.]

Very mild(?). Chinook ceased. Sgt Major Stewart left for Regina as Sergt Major of that post.

Saturday 18 Ft Macleod
Weather fine, but lots of snow. Many arrests of drunks at Pincher Creek and of shanty men.
Chippeway Lodge on Kootenai near Big Beard(?). Ireturned Const
Sunday 19 Ft Macleod
Weather cloudy but mild. Church parade. Insp Davidson from off.
Monday 20 Ft Macleod
Cloudy. Rather cold Sgt Barker relieved Corporal Macleod at the Porcupines Constable Mackay(?) charged with liquor to Elk the before Sanders and me. Remanded until the 21st at 11 AM Inspector to Saint Marys. Indians 12 tepees of Bloods camped at Belly River miles below Kipp.
Tuesday 21
Weather clear and mild Const Hickey(?) Sanders and me chg dismissed. He got off with the skin of his teeth Mormon settlement being surveyed. Hilliard looking up case of cattle killing Not sure if animal did not die a natural death. "The Owl(?)" arrested for stealing blankets from Mr Nelson of Pincher Creek James(?) and Cunningam(?) lost but turned up all right.
Wednesday 22
[crossed out in pencil J. W. Aspdin\$20.00 (?)] [scribbled out in pen] Const James and const Cunningham got lost on patrol from St Marys detachment to Kipp winding up at Elliots ranche at Whoop Up returning to Kipp the following day.] Clear and mild Mormon settlement being surveyed Mild and
Thursday 23 Ft Macleod

Cloudy and mild cold towards night. Cattle in the Porcupine Hills generally in good conditions. None dead as far as known. but those in the lowlands look poor.

Friday 24 Ft Macleod
Constable Macdonald attempted suicide resuscitated by Dr Aylen and placed in cells. Cloudy and cold of snow
Saturday 25 Ft Macleod
Cloudy and very cold from to Lees Creek Mormons. Long left Kipp for England and will not return. Cattle in Kipp. Supposed loss very heavy from cold and stormy weather. Beef round up on Circle ranche. 8 tepees of Bloods at Butte(?)
Sunday 26 Ft Macleod
Weather fine and clear. Church parade did not attend Dr having advised me to avoid the air for the present.
Cattle No American cattleon this side but numbers reported of Canadian cattle on south side.
Monday 27 Macleod
Very cold during the night Squaw Wolf Woman(?) drunk
Tuesday 28 Ft Macleod
[scribbled out] our up(?) sled above(?) the Big Beard hut complaints they are stealing cattle by of [/scribbled out] Cattle killing reported by "Black Eagle"
March
Wednesday 1
Indians reported to be travelling(?) now the Big Beard distress(?).
Thursday 2
Three lodges of Blk Ft on Little Bow, sent to Reserve.

Friday 3
Fine and clear Night(?) busy Heavylosses of cattle reported at Boundary Creek
Saturday 4 Ft Macleod
Weather clear and fine, Spring like. No Indians in the section
Sunday 5
Clear mild Spring like
Monday 6 – Sunday 12
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Monday 13
[crossed out in pencil] J. W. Aspdin(?) \$30.00
Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16
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Friday 17 Ft Macleod
Busy all day at routine and at correspondence Sanders and I tried Bob for giving liquor to Wolf Woman Two months imp with Hard Labor.
Saturday 18 Ft Macleod
Busy all morning at monthly returns and correspondence up and [crossed out:] [/]. Sanders and I tried two cases to-day. Mail came(?) not much news.
Sunday 19 Ft Macleod [scribbled out] Busy all day.

The weather cold wind in the north until night when it changed to Chinook and became soft. [/scribbled out] Weather fine in the forenoon. A Chinook wind blowing all morning but it changed to the north and east. Wrote [xed out for] several letters John, Richard Hubert, L.W.H. enclosing Davidsons letter re the debt to Snow(?) Wrote to Did not go to Church as it was too windy.
Monday 20 Ft Macleod
Weather fine but raw wind in the north and east but changed to sou' east after five o'c. Busy all day. [Crossed out] White-Fraser left this PM up for absence from stables in the morning. Talked to him in the usual way. ""Red Paint" and "Crazy Crow" [crossed out: are] up for killing a cow of John and Wm Blacks. Committed them for trial for the offence. They admitted their guilt upon being Did a lot of routine work etc etc [/crossed out]
Tuesday 21 Ft Macleod
Committed Red Paint and Crazy Crow for trial for killing a cow belonging to John Black and William Black. Busy all day at routine work. White Fraser went home at 7.00(?) He came last night and stayed with us.
Wednesday 22 Ft Macleod
Cold last night Wind in the north in the morning stayed with us last night Busy in the PM. Sanders and I sat upon three summary cases (of vagrancy) Billy McGee(?) alias Kid and one Fraser of Edmonton. Wired about potatoes to Comr. Twenty-four prisoners in the guard room to-day, a fair average at night. The vagrants were remanded until tomorrow at 2PM.
Thursday 23 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Hoar frost last night. Warm(?) today at 9.00 42° Sanders and I on remand heard the defence in Reg. vs. Billy McGee, Anthony(?) Myles(?) and [crossed out: Alex] Fraser. Gave two latter one month each and let McG—recognizance to appear for sentence when called upon. Dismissed with a caution Hicks vs Foster indecent exposure and committing a nuisance Ordered a suit of clothes from Bowerby(?).
Friday 24 Ft Macleod

Weather fine wind in west and north in the forenoon. Busy all morning at routine ordered the OM to remove the water from the stacks

Must have a foundation laid in future. Ordered Sanders to measure off the feet of the stack on Monday and weigh(?) it out. Mrs Bertrand(?) summoned for keeping a disorderly house. Sanders and I sent her off on suspended sentence in case she should leave the town she will not be called upon just now.

Saturday 25 Ft Macleod

Weather fair. Snow with large drifts going fast water all over. Clearing the snow from around the magazine and ordered that no ashes should be thrown out on the ground around the shop(?) wagon and barrels to be provided.

Two mails to-day, ___ and a large load of mail from Lethbridge by a police team which was on its way in from there.

Sunday 26 Ft Macleod

Church parade attended for the first time since December, I am better now and it does not hurt me to go out. Inspected the whole of the Bks and other institutions

Ordered that all the police prisoners [xed out keep] take their meals in the guard room proper.

Attended Mr Cowdrys funeral as pall bearer. We carried the casket to the grave. A large number of people attended. Col. Macleod asked for a team to take him to Lethbridge tomorrow.

Monday 27 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at routine. No prisoners to try. Looked around the barracks etc etc. Drove out in the after-noon. Busy in the orderly room until 845 PM. Correspondence etc Wrote to Casey(?) re his complaint against Insp Macdonald Barrack yd being cleaned up

Tuesday 28 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Strong Chinook wind blowing all day and very rapidly drying up the groundand melting the stray snow drifts. Held an investigation in the afternoon to ____ what had become of the two cows once owned by the Govt at this post. Supposed to have been sold to I.G. Baker ____ ___. No proof as yet brought out

Wednesday 29 Ft Macleod

before that Went around the barracks and attended to the cleaning up of it and other matters. Col. Macleod tried Creighton for attempt at escape Dismissed it with a caution. Busy at many thing. Looked around the Bks. Four men up for not rising at the proper hour this
A.M. Dismissed charge with a caution. Thursday 30 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. A very strong Chinook. The ice thawing fast. Preliminary exam of for trial one Killroy(?) for Larceny from A. J. Macdonald etc Examined re Did not get much light from the subject. Went thro' lots of correspondence. Men busy at cleaning up and water off. Col Macleod started for Pincher Creek but turned back on account of wind. He will start to-morrow morning early.
Friday 31 Ft Macleod
Weather fine but very windy. (West wind) Col Macleod to Pincher Creek to-day with police team Inspector Davidson in Holy day (Good Friday) to-day. Constable Townshend in the Gd room for the purpose of getting into the confidence of the prisoner Killroy who has been committed for stealing clothing belonging to "Sandy." Macdonald of the Macleod Hotel All the clothes had not been found and therefore Townshend may find out where the prisoner put the rest. April Saturday 1 Ft Macleod
Weather cold but a strong west wind blowing all day and the snow melting where it has accumulated in large drifts. Davidson and I sentenced two men Whitford and Henderson to one month impt with H.L. for being drunk and causing a disturbance in the Fort (Macleod). Wrote Off Comg Calgary re for Constable and signed a pass for thelatter Mail from Calgary did not arrive until 4:00.
Sunday 2 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. I went to church as usual. Inspected the whole of the barracks. Some of the untidy. The saddle rooms look well. Prisoners complained that they had to the passages of the different(?) ranges. Chinook wind, a little snow last night. Went off in the morning to inspect the Porcupines which had a

Weather fine. Busy at the orderly room . Wind started up in the afternoon butalso a good deal

Ft Macleod Weather fine. Granted a pass to Const Townshend to go to the Leavings. Fined Constable for leaving the barracks while on duty as orderly bugler. ____ tonight ____ at taking over Canteen Fined Constable McDermid for being under the influence of liquor in Macleod. Took evidence on oath. Constable Jackson a little "too Irish" I think. Started the men at gardening in my garden. Macdonald ploughed it up. Tuesday 4 Macleod Weather fine. Busy all day. Routine work etc. Looked into the cleaning up and the preparations for the gardening etc Wednesday 5 (Crossed out: Macleod) Lethbridge Weather threatening snow but it became fine. Got here by 2:30 left Macleod at 10:00 gave Mr Fred a lift down. up at Woods(?) junction and was comfortable in no time. Town looks prosperous which in fact it is. Thursday 6 (Crossed out: Ft Macleod) Lethbridge. Up early. Breakfast late. Went down town and looked for Saml Graham He was not in town gone to Manitoba to get beef. Called re business at Lunched at 1.30 Called on the Deanes PM also Mrs Begin Dined at Bentley(?). Met Dr Brother Kevin and Lawyer West. Came away late. Very stormy Could not have got home from here to Macleod. Wood entertained me for most of the day Weather stormy, snow and wind. Friday 7 Ft Macleod Weather (xed out fine) bad. Went in the morning from Bks Lethbridge to Conybeare and Galliher and talked over with him the case of Reg. vs Killroy. They are to ____ Judge Macleod to ask him to try the case on the 10th instant. Lunched at Deanes, Wood there too. Called on Mrs Casey. Macdonell. Left Lethbridge at 2:30 got here at 8:30 brought Father Legal with me. Roads heavy. Broke a hind spring of wagon. It had a crack several years old but not noticed before.

Saturday 8 Ft Macleod

Monday 3

Very busy making up for lost time. Wrote Judge Macleod in Killroy case. up for neglect Inspected stables barracks, yards etc. visited the carpenters yard and coal sheds. Gave orders to Sergt Major Spicer to get the barracks clean on Monday and a cess pit made south of the Bks Bright has taken the levels of the at spring. The only one a at spring the garden.
Sunday 9 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Chinook wind but somewhat cool in the afternoon. Went to church as usual. Inspected the barracks all through and found all correct except some slight matters Drove out in the afternoon with wife youngster and Mr Bright.
Monday 10 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Busy all morning at routine work in the Orderly Room. Afternoon inspected the grounds and visited the men at drill and the prisoners on fatigue. Divided the drill squad into two. Took and information against a house of ill fame. Men busy gardening and doing other work cleaning up Two(?) prisoners busy cleaning up the Bright Revd Mr Hilton & Cowdry with him
Tuesday 11 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Busy all morning at routine work in the orderly room Inspector Davidson to Stand Off re by Staff Sgt yesterday Mr. Evans had declined taking action. Asst V.S. Wroughton to Leavings and Mosquito Creek to inspect stables & also other buildings etc etc at those places. White-Fraser and I fined "Tex" alias Triangle(?) five dollars and costs or two days.
Wednesday 12 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Busy at routine all day excepting an hour spent in taking evidence (Sanders and self) against one Barry accused of vagrancy. We suspended sentence against him on his own recognizance Spent the evening at home as usual. Snowed two inches on the level last night but all had disappeared when noon came except what fell in the porcupine hills which are amply covered with it.

Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Did a lot of routine work Drill of two squads as usual went on the AM. Two men up for trivial offenses. Smith fined one dollar and 14 days CB The of the and raked up in the square. One man all day. Very windy Sent four German delegates by team to see the country and gave the teamster orders also ordered blankets for them
Friday 14 Ft Macleod
Busy all day at routine. Gardening
Saturday 15 Ft Macleod
Weather fine Busy all day at routine tasks . George Cowan arrived from B.C. through the Pass (Crowsnest).
Sunday 16 Ft Macleod
Weather fine Attended church12:45 inspected carefully everything the Barracks except the QM Store shops All correct except a trifling under the wash room. Drove out in the afternoon about 8 miles Cowan & Bright along with us. Cool in the afternoon.
Monday 17 Ft Macleod
Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Attended to usual routine work. Went to a smoking concert last night at Sgts(?) Mess. Haultain there. Sent out a party to take post at the Milk river detachment Gave them a good outfit of tents. Supt Cotton to take charge of both St Marys and Milk river.
Tuesday 18 Ft Macleod

Thursday 13

Weather fine. Busy at routine. imprisoned Const Saul(?) Wright with Hard labor. Went over to a smoking concert at Sgts mess last night given in honor of Premier Haultain

Cowan and I dined at the Macdonells.
Wednesday 19 Ft Macleod
Weather stormy A blizzard with lots of snow falling Getting milder at 11.30. Two men up for a slight offence both charges dismissed with a caution Three men, Clark N. H.(?) Clarke J and Morse stole horses from stable.
Thursday 20 Ft Macleod
Busy all day Arranged with Macdonald(?) Cowan and self a partnership on Empire(?) claims. Paper drawn up by Mr Campbell(?) of this place. Busy all day at routine
Friday 21 Ft Macleod
Dismissed chg against for absence. Routine. Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 Blank
Monday 24 Ft Macleod
Weather not very fine. Cowan still here.
Tuesday 25 Ft Macleod
Cowan left for Fort Steele today with Const Macdonald to drive him up to the Crows Nest pass
Wednesday 26 Ft Macleod
Snowing all day heavily towards the but just light here.
Thursday 27 Ft Macleod
Weather improved but cool.
Friday 28

Ft Macleod

Weather fine. All hands busy. Usual routine.

Saturday 29

Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Went all over the work done by the party digging post holes etc also looked at nuisance ground and ordered Serg Major Spicer to have the night soil attended to on Monday, and to go there with the Doctor and take his orders

Sunday 30

Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Did not attend church. Had to work all day in the orderly room. Wrote a great deal.

May

Monday 1

Ft Macleod

Weather very fine and calm. Men busy at transport gardening cleaning up etc. Dr Aylen inspected nuisance ground and gave orders to the Sergt Major to have the heaps of night soil covered with ashes

Two waggons to be washed per diem

Instructed Constable Stepney to ____ on post.

Sanders and I sat on a case Whitford vs bad language. until tomorrow at 2PM.

Tuesday 2

Ft Macleod

Ca—(corpl) laid information against one Kinders(?) for breaking in settlers door while en route to Leavings detachment

Sent warrant out to White-Fraser at once. Windy but fine.

Mrs Whitford withdrew her charge against Mrs Scheer(?)

Mail attended to. Comr wired me to meet him re quarantine and to bring Evans down. Sent the telegram to Evans but he had gone to Lethbridge re the same matter I wired him the [next page:] content of Comrs telegram.

Wednesday 3 – Tuesday 23

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Wednesday 24

Ft Macleod

[pencil] General holiday. Royal salute of 21 guns fired. Insp Sanders in charge of the guns. SM Spicer and Sgt Forrester the
Thursday 25 Lees Creek
telegram from the to meet him at Milk River Ridge detachments K Division. Left(?) at 2:30 for informed that the upper Tried to good(?) last time in trying by which was all not again at of and at 8:00 pm got at 11:20 at 1:30 Davidson her got ahead of me. Corpl Wilde also.
Friday 26 Milk R. Ridge K. Div
Left Lees Creek at 9:00 AM. Reached St Marys at 10:00 arrived and ordered Const. Cowan(?) to tell Sgt Cotter(?) to see that the stable [crossed out:] is levelled with clay and the office tidied. Left at 10:15 stopped at the Coulee for a snack left at 3:15 and got in at 7:30 Sgt Brynner in chg Had a good down and supper Waited up to see if the Asst. Cmr would turn up. He did not do so. This is a neat well kept detachment.
Saturday 27 Camp Quarantine
Left at 11:00 AM on account of the Asst Comr arriving with Deane. Reached the lonely(?) valley. [crossed out:] 25. miles at 2:00 Continued on for two hours and halted and fed Left at 5:30 and got to the camp at 8:00. The camp is all right and clean. A few cattle in quarantine [crossed out: and] that have had drifted across the line in storms. The owner Horne(?) has decided to send them back again Looked over Dennys(?) register of cattle.
Sunday 28 Stand Off
Left the Quarantine camp(?) at 8:00 and reached St. Marys at 10:15 Asst Cmr looked over the whole detachment and horses. Cotter (Sgt) gave us a lead over the river. I gave orders to have the posts from Cardston brought to our side of the stream

Left at 10:15 got to Lees Creek at 11:30 Halted for dinner. Asst Cmr looked over the post. I did not like the state of the latrine. Ordered the Corporal to hold the next team to haul refuse

Monday 29

Stand Off in good time.

away. Also to have it burnt as soon as dry.

Ft Macleod

Up at 6:00 Breakfast 7:30 Asst Cmr inspected the post thoroughly. It was [crossed out: ___] very clean and in good order. Cpt.(?) Tom Hardie(?) busy painting. Asst Cmr allows him to remain pending ordersfrom the Commissioner.

Left at 8:30 by ___ ford and up Manns(?) Hill got here at 10:30

Horses in fine shape

Started to work at once after I had a bath. No cases for the orderly room today. Looked over and signed all papers and at once saw that the [next page] things required at the Q Camp were ordered out.

Tuesday 30 – Tuesday June 6 Blank

June

Wednesday 7 Ft Macleod

Commissioner arrd today to purchase horses from stockman(?).

Burnett came with him. I put Burnett up. The Comr stayed at the mess pretty uncomfortable.

Thursday 8 Ft Macleod

The Commissioner buying horses all day. Better stock shewn than usual. I investigating case of Cudlip(?) and Edwards for offences against discipline.

Friday 9 Ft Macleod

The Commissioner with Wroughton and Burnett left for the Cross ranche and High River. Sent team yesterday to be ready at Leavings to take them on. Arranged some details with Comr before he left

One only to be allowed and only one waiter in Canteen.

Lots of work going on – fences, buildings etc.

Saturday 10 Blank

Sunday 11

Ft Macleod

Arranged for a daily courier to and from St Marys to here and a weekly one to the K Division post at the mouth of Pot Hole Creek.

Very absurd order, the later(?) for no time is by this trip there being a daily from Saint Marys to Stand Off and in here next morning and a mail from here to Lethbridge after(?).
Monday 12 Ft Macleod
Wrote Cowan re the claim and informed him that Mac and I would mail the money due on half interest purchased from former parties.
Tuesday 13 Ft Macleod
Wrote Vivian and sent Cowans gold to be assayed by Government assayist. Asked him to send me all the particulars that are necessary to enable me to write to him again and get work done without annoying Sent Constable Percival out to the Quarantine camp at Milk river to do duty.
Wednesday June 14 – Friday November 24 Blank
November
Saturday 25 Macleod
13 below zero last night. Zero at 10:00 AM. East wind
Sunday 26 Macleod
Church parade as usual. Inspected the barrack rooms messes kitchens, bath rooms, Saddlery Harness, Stables, hospital RR room, canteen cells prisoners guard room state all correct etc etc
Monday 27
Weather very changeable. 18 below zero nine o'clock 30 above at 10:30 and Chinook blowing. Again changed to east and 8° below zero at 2 pm.
Tuesday 28 Macleod
33° below zero last night. 11° at 9 am today.
Wednesday 29
16° below zero. 8° below at 10 pm

Thursday 30 Ft Macleod

16° below zero Busy with the Comr.

December

Friday 1

Four below 0 at 9.15. Four above at 12.30. Comr inspected the stores etc. etc

Saturday 2 – Saturday 30 Blank

Memoranda

For Commiss while at Lethbridge 24th May 93 Inspector Caseys house etc etc. Inspect Morris transfer Inspector White – Fraser. Inspector Casey rations one half at Macleod and the rest at Lethbridge

[next page]

Inspector Caseys
quarters(?)
Inspr Morris transfer
Inspector Casey(?) ration one ½ Macleod one do Lethbridge
The barrack mess room Macleod
Kootenai Detachment
Corporal Wilde(?)
Staff Serg Heaps
Mosquito Creek
Denny Special Constable and others in the Quarantine.

[next page, in pencil]

Big Bend(?) 1544 in good condition 1550 __ _ _ 10.12 __ _ do. do. Corral all ready Regd(?) Gardens good

Stove replaced soft soap wanted 2 stable brooms and one rake Fire break plowing Household soap Kitchen clean Helmet Brown(?) Arms in good order Ammunition all right Beef supply satisfactory salt with oats Elk(?) satisfactory Crafter(?) also [next page, in ink] Weather Record Prince Krafts(?) letters on Cavalry Infantry and Artillery Edward Crawford(?) 26 and 27 Charing Cross London S.W. Addresses Two pages, blank **Notes and Bills Receivable** Four pages, blank **Cash Account - January** Blank **Cash Account – February** Date Received Paid our maid to Mrs Steele 15.00 Cash Account - March Received Date Paid

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	Recd from Cowdry Bros			
[next page]				
Date 16	Pd maid Janet Johnston	Received	Paid 15.00	
Cash A	Account – April			
Date 21	Inspr Sander Offrs mess	Received	Paid	
16	Servant girl Janet Johnston up to date		15.00	
Cash Account – May				
Date		Received	Paid	
	240 from Canada Life	240.00		
10 th	I G Baker		25.00	
10 th	Barnes			
10 th	Beaumont for services		20.00	
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10 th			15.00	
10	Miller			
10	Ryan			
	Janet Johnston		15.00	
	Henry Morgan & co Montreal		35.00	

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	Elmes Steele		15.00	
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Latrine alright Oats(?) not later than 5 th Aug
Page 2 Stand Off Lime for 5 Roof painted Where Handy(?) Slight(?)
Slight(?) New(?) Saddle for two weeks
to stay one
Page 3
day. Offer room(?) and tressels(?). Seats(?) 2. Wash Basin blankets charged.
Notes etc removed from Diary
Name of man whom Ex Const Gilmour mentioned, is
Frank Graham
Bankers, Brokers, and Financial Agents Drafts bought and sold on all principal points N. H. Cowdy. J. Cowdy Cowdry Brothers, Bankers Macleod, Alta, Apl 6 1893 Private
Dear Sir, Your favour ofreceived Dear Major There are two men in Town Irving B. Hopkins the President and Williams Genl(?) Agent selling shares in the "Summit Mining Corp(?)" I enclose you a prospectus

If they strike you or any of the officers I would advise you before buying shares to demand a statement of what the "Summit Mining Corp" is paying (Hopkins I think) for the mine. It looks very like a trick to sell the mine out at a big figure from Hopkins to the "Summit Mining Corp". They asked us to act as agents for them here to sell the stock – and on my saying they would have to give me a statement of cost of mine &c in order to know whether I could advise people to buy – they left and have not come near me since.

Kindly keep this letter private but I wish to warn you or any other that I consider as far as I am concerned myself I might as well throw money into fire as by the stock.

Yours Sincerely J Cowdry

[envelope] Superintendent(?) Steel N. W. M. P. Macleod [invoice inside]	e	
Hudson's Bay Compan	y	
No	Macleod 4. September 1893	
	n's Bay Company from	
· ·	Steele the sum of Fifty dollars on	account
-	G(?)	
H. Bentley & Co.		
General Merchants		
\$50.00 Lethbridge NW	T Sent 9 1803	
Received of Major Stee	<u>*</u>	
Fifty Dollars	ie me sum sj	
In full With than	ks	
H. Bentley MB(?)		
The Surveye Court Inc	ependent Order of Foresters	
Chambers of Court Chi	-	
12 th day of June 1893	1100K 7VO. 1170	
Dear Sir and Brother		
	notify you that the next Meeting of	the Court will be held on Thursday the
	nd to respectfully request your atte	
	date stands as follows:	naunce.
	the month of May & June\$5.70)
Assessment for Sick an	• •	,
	Capitation Tax[/crossed]\$	50
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	Total \$6.20	0
Standing to you	•	-

Balance\$6.20

Yours in L., B & C.,

J Truswick(?)

Paid June 13th 93 J Truswick(?) JT

June 3 1893
M. B Steele(?)
To The Dominion Express Company, Dr.
For Freight on 1 Box from Montreal \$ 1.00
Expense \$......
Received payment for the Company
[signature]

Cowdry Bros. Bankers, Macleod, Alta, May 9 1893 Received from S. B. Steele Twenty Five Dollars Mr. Suttons Draft(?) Cowdry Brs

[envelope]
If not called for in ten days return to
Cowdry Brothers,
Bankers,
Macleod, Alberta
Private(?)
Major S. B. Steele

Alberta Railway and Coal Company
Telegraph Service
Sent by X Rec'd by G
Check 10 Paid
No.... Time 1450 Mar 28 1893
By Telegraph from Montreal 28
To Major Steele NWMP
Macleod

Regret exceedingly to hear of Inspector Huot's death my sympathy George DeBeaugin(?)