

Steele Diary 1897 2008.1 Box 3, Folder 14

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S B Steele
Free Mason(?)
No 77931 good from
7th april 1897 to the 7 Do. 1899
Recorder John Preen
___ Division
Kaslo BC

January

Friday 1 Macleod

Weather fine. Mills came in to dine with us.

Saturday 2 Macleod

Inspected the whole barracks and did lots of office work.

Sunday 3 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at work. No parade ___ to-day.

Monday 4 Macleod

Stock taking board on. Could not have the usual parade on that account.

Tuesday 5 Macleod

Fine. Chinook no snow. Russell of Toronto closed deal with the Black diamond and little Donald etc.

Inspected the guard room and prisoners.

Wednesday 6 Macleod

Weather fine. A Chinook. No snow. George Hope Johnston went back to Calgary to-day. I drove him to the station. I also arranged with him on the extension of Bull sale(?).

The baby has the measles, reported same to Dr and he ordered proper precautionary measures to be taken.
Inspected the guard room and the prisoners.

Thursday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. A Chinook blowing. No snow. Busy at routine work all day. Gave orders to ___ ___ to see that Srgt Macleod did his work in seeing that the division store stuff is properly accounted for.

Friday 8 - Sunday 10

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Monday 11 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day at routine work. I wired Johnston et al about the black diamond mine. Got telegram from J. A. Dickey re one thousand dollars which he wired bank Montreal Calgary for investment. Telegram from Sask(?) to the effect that Hull ___ one thousand to Black Diamond Steele wired me from Winnipeg that Robert Johnston had subscribed two thousand dollars to Blk D. Jim Clarke wired one thousand and promise of more.

Tuesday 12 Macleod

Weather fine. Up at 5:45 AM. Visited the guard 6:15 AM. Inspected the prisoners was present when the old guard was relieved by the new. Spoke to the NCO of the new (Townshend) for being so poor at word of command. Attended morning stables all work done well. Visited hospital. Cook not up at reveille ordered under arrest. Wired George Hope Johnston F Steele and others re ___.

Wednesday 13 Macleod

Weather [*caret*: fine]. Charcoals trial commences today. Have sent for some of the police and scouts who were present at the time Charcoal fired at them on the pass woods on the head of Belly R. Sent them to meet the judge at train also one to meet Mr Robert Johnston.

Trial of "Bad Young Man" alia Charcoal commenced today in the court room in town. A B Macdonald and Hyde called upon me at 2:00. F Steele called upon me [*xed out*: this] at 1:20 arranged some business.

Thursday 14 Macleod

Fine day. west wind a little cold for here but not unpleasant. Charcoals trial still going on.

Friday 15 Macleod

Weather very fine. No snow no wind. Inspected every room kitchen in fact everything in barracks this morning at 10:40 and found all in good order except the barracks rooms, the shelves of which were dusty and some of the beds not properly made up. The cupboards were not in proper ~~shape~~ order, being untidy. Coal dust to be hauled and mixed with clay at the stables. The boards in front of bakeshop not in good order.

Saturday 16 Macleod

Weather very fine. Busy all day. Train on time. Large mail wrote Fred Steele re Judge Scotts share in the black diamond mine.

Sunday 17 Macleod

Weather fine but windy. Sent a four horse team to Pincher Creek to get Dr. Harwood to assist the child Gertrude. The team left at 3 2:45 with orders to come back after a rest. The child revived(?) a little towards morning.

Monday 18 Macleod

Weather fine but very windy indeed. Went to the Hudsons Bay Co stores, and stayed ten minutes. Did not go to Const Wilde murder case tried all day and to go on tomorrow. The child feeling better all day and night. Reginald ~~up~~ here. Came from Pincher Cr in the morning. He rode from ___ and Berrys ranche to Pincher Creek after dark and came down on the police team to assist Dr Haultain to attend sick baby.

Tuesday 19 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance in police matters. Wilde murder case going on. Sent [xed out: ___] out to Stand off for Green Grass who is to be witness re the chase after Charcoal.

The child Gerty nearly died. I thought she was gone but both doctors succeeded in getting some pus out of her throat which has given her some relief and enabled her to sleep.

Wednesday 20 Macleod

Weather bit(?) windy. Dr Harwood returned with Cuthbert to P Creek. Left Hand and five leading Indians came and interviewed me re the sentence of Charcoal and besides complained of the Indian agent Wilson asking the men to employ the ___ ___ Dr. I advised them to take Mr Wilsons advice and explained why, in fact went deeply into the subject. They went away satisfied. Father Legal and Revd Mr. Hockley have a difference as who will be Charcoals adviser in matters spiritual. Got Wilson to see the Indian who said [top of next page: he wished Hockley.]

Thursday 21

This AM Father Legal came and asked if he was not to be spiritual adviser to Charcoal. I stated that Mr Wilson said that he wanted Mr Hockley finally I sent Wroughton and the Interpreter and the then Mr Speer who speaks Blackfoot and it resulted in Charcoal stating that he wanted Father Legal as he had been once baptised by a priest when in Montana a child I then ordered that Father Legal be the recognized priest and wrote Agt Wilson and Mr Hockley to that effect.

Friday 22 Macleod

Weather cold. Visited prisoner Charcoal in the forenoon and also the canteen and ___ block of barracks. Men of St A society busy at the decorations of the barracks room. Ball of St Andrews society came off in barracks. It was a fine affair. Well managed in every respect. A very large number of people attended it.

Saturday 23 Macleod

AB Macdonald came up in after ___ Gigots ___ shares. I wrote to the Secy Kaslo and changed the shares to Mrs ___ Gigot as requested by Mr AB Macdonald. Capt and Mr Macdonell still here.

Sunday 24 Macleod

Weather very cold. 41° below zero at 3:45 AM last night
32 below 0 at 9:30
22 “ “ “ 11:00. Kept cold all day. No church parade going on at all. Capt and Mrs Macdonell still with us. It is a great pleasure to us all.

Monday 25 Macleod

Weather fine but cold. 35° below 0 last night. Busy at routine. Clouds gathering for a Chinook. Inspected the whole of the barracks and found all in good order. Chinook not here yet. Complaints of the men on the ___ and of last weeks beef. Beef good now. No complaints justifiable. Ordered that south ___ the ___ out. Large quantities of clothing on hand and being disposed of.

Tuesday 26 Macleod

Weather cold. 35° below zero last night. Busy all day. Started some men cutting ice. Looked at the ice house in the evening and found that it was not properly laid. C.C.D Wood came and Mrs Wood and were a few hours with us. I promised to get Wood a chance on the Charleston at Ainsworth. Gave SM Spicer leave to go Lethbridge for a few days.

Wednesday 27 Macleod

Weather cold. 35° below zero last night 30° below zero at 9:20 this A.M. Ice drilling going on. Gave orders to Casey to see that the cutters are instructed in the way to do it and the packers as well. Also to take the ball and chains off the Indians working at packing ice so that they can work.

Thursday 28 Macleod

Very cold. 22° below at 10:00 AM. Busy all day. Inspected Hospital, the stores Recreation room ___ prisoner and the condemned one Charcoal. All correct. Charcoal recovering from his illness. Got some telegrams from Steele re Balkdale ____. Also re ___ taking Hubert into partnership in Kaslo. Mrs Scheer(?) had to go to-day but promises to come back tomorrow morning. I sent for ____. Wired Steele to get terms of purchase of Balkdale ___ from Gibson for partners.

Friday 29 Macleod

Weather milder. Just zero this AM. Busy. Transferred on the twelfth interest in the Day Dawn to DJ Campbell. Wrote Hubert re his partnership in the farm(?) of ___ and asked him to push(?) it wrote DJ Campbell re a claim. Wired bank Montreal re my credit there. Wired George Johnston re the purchase of the extension of Balkdale and to see Calgary shareholders. Capt Macdonell and SM Spicer returned from Lethbridge today. Cold 10° below at 11. Took guard at 3:00 am. 30 cold.

Saturday 30 Macleod

Chinook from six am. Took guard and inspected the prisoners at 3:00 am all correct. Casey was inspecting the stables at the time, attended to all sorts of work in orderly room. 32° above zero.

Sunday 31 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all morning at correspondence.

February

Monday 1 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day inspected the whole barracks all correct except guard room which requires the walls to scrubbed. gave the necessary orders to have it done the saddler complains that he has not all the leather he requires to repair the harness. Capt and Mrs Mac went down to Lethbridge today.

Tuesday 2 Macleod

Weather fine, 40° above zero, and visited prisoners guard canteen ice fatigue, clothing store, quarters master store etc etc. Ice being cut better today than usual. Wrote a long

letter to the Commissioner re the Mounted Police reserve and took(?) it over to asst ____.
Ordered that Wroughton go tomorrow morning to see the sick horse _____. He requested permission to do so.

Wednesday 3 Macleod

Wrote Comr re ex-police reserve and Wroughton increase of pay H division _____ en route to Lethbridge with saw dust.

Inspected Hospital, Guardroom, prison, Stables, Fatigue _____ etc, etc. Mail small wrote many letters on duty matters. Wired after ex Const Trotter to return coat intended for the casualty store.

Thursday 4 Macleod

Weather fine. Wind strong. Mercury 45° below above 0. Poor Sgt _____ and wife lost their baby a fine boy this AM. I went to the funeral at 4:00. The poor people are much cut up. Saw the prisoners and fatigues etc.

Friday 5 Macleod

Took the guard. Visited _____ and stables at 12:35 am. All correct. Visited prisoners at 12:35 also. Wrote George Hope Johnston _____ Calgary re extension of Black diamond.

Saturday 6 Macleod

Weather changed to cold. Zero this am. Attended morning stables. Visited the _____ at 8:15 AM.

Sunday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. 36° above 0. Did not attend church. Worked hard in orderly room from 10:30 to 1:00 from 3:00 to five _____ and from seven to 11:30 PM. drove out from three to four.

Monday 8 Macleod

Busy all day. Macdonell came up from Lethbridge today re mines. Visited Charcoal. Inspected all the barrack buildings and institutions all correct ordered kegs to be kept and no slops sold for the mess. Ordered repairs to hospital floor. etc etc. Wrote Mrs. Harwood and Mr Dickey re the new gold and silver mine. Also McIlree on same subject.

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Wednesday 10 Macleod

Busy all day at office work. Visited prison hospital etc etc. all correct.

Thursday 11 Macleod

Busy all day visit prisoners. hospital etc. Men busy at ice covering up.

Friday 12 Macleod

Busy all day in the office. ___ Sharples Hyde and others called Hyde told me that Gordon had one thousand dollars to invest and asked us to take it. Visited prisoners, canteen. Store Recreation room all correct. Order Canteen steward to ~~have~~ order fresh eggs and popk from the Mormons.

Saturday 13 Macleod

Weather fine. Calm. No snow. Mild. S. M Spicer went to Lethbridge in the four horse team Capt Macdonell and AB went with him. Took the ___ declarations to-day before Costigan. Visited Charcoal when he was outside ___ himself under escort.

Sunday 14 Macleod

Wrote. G Hope Johnston

Chas Sanders.

James B Clarke.

James B Clarke.

James A Dickey.

Robt Galbraith all with regard to mines in which we are ___ or will be interested. Also wrote Fred Steele, re B.D. Forrester of a company. Walked out at 3:00 and returned to dine at six o'clock P.M. Weather windy.

Monday 15 Macleod

Weather fine. 30 32° of frost at 10:00. No snow at all. Inspected all the room stores, shops, stables, saddle rooms, canteen, hospital. Q.M.S. oats. Clothing kit, ablutions rooms etc etc. Sgts mess Sgts rooms, guard room, cells, etc etc. Charcoal all right. Supposed to be weaker after the visit of his legal adviser.

Tuesday 16 Macleod

Busy all day. Visited prisoners. Drove out worked a great deal in orderly room. Parade in full dress at 2 pm inspected all correct men good at the manual exercise except those who have been transferred to this division lately.

Wednesday 17 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Drove out.

Thursday 18 Macleod

Weather fine all day. Visited prisoners etc. Drove off through town.

Friday 19 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day; visited the prisoners and quartermaster store canteen. Windy. Did not drive.

Saturday 20 Macleod

Busy all morning. Got POO for twenty dollars ~~from~~ for the T Eaton Company Toronto. Got letter from ___ and Steele re mining matters in BC.

Sunday 21 Macleod

Weather cool, but fine. 10° above 0. Walked out a while. Wrote a great many letters etc all morning. Church parade. Did not attend. Got telegram from Steele.

Monday 22 Macleod

Cold and raw no snow. Busy all day in office. Drove out in the PM and afterwards went down. Got a telegram from B.C. No answer from Edmonton re a man enquired about. Blowing hard from the west all day. Very heavy wind at night. D.J. Campbell came to see me about the hanging I advised him to get ___ of Lethbridge to show him how the scaffold was made.

Tuesday 23 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day ~~have got~~ went out for a drive to the new town and had a pleasant time. Inspected the whole barracks and ordered many things ~~could~~(?) to be improved ___ cloth for mess. ___ for that meat table. The cells(?) to be washed out etc etc.

Wednesday 24 Macleod

Weather very fine indeed. 45° in the shade. I drove out in the P.M. M^c Donell arrived with Morris from Lethbridge in ~~afternoon~~ forenoon. Visited the guard at 12:50 am all correct.

Thursday 25 Macleod

Weather fine busy all day. Worked all day in office. Macdonell here all day.

Friday 26 Macleod

Drove out. Weather fine. Busy all day.

Saturday 27 Macleod

Weather fine. The train came in five hours late. G. H. Johnston Blair Steele came ~~with~~ in it and called in the evening.

Friday 28 Macleod

The weather ~~fair~~ bad. Nothing of importance. The syndicate who bought Black Diamond met today to talk over matters to save discussion being prolonged at the meeting tomorrow.

March

Monday 1 Macleod

Weather cold and disagreeable. The meeting of The Black diamond Company took place early.

Tuesday 2 Macleod

Weather fine busy all day.

Wednesday 3 Macleod

Glorious day. Busy
Drove out. AB and Miss Macdonell came up from

Thursday 4 Macleod

Weather very stormy. Snow, but not cold.

Wrote AB Macdonell,

- Herron
- Hunter
- Dickey(?)
- McGillis
- H. Ivers(?)
- Galbraith _____
- Morris N.S.

Morrison attending to accounts. down-town almost all day.

Friday 5 Macleod

Weather stormy. Busy all day at different work. AB Macdonald in town stayed with me us. B(?).

Telegram from Sanders saying that he was coming.

Saturday 6 Macleod

Weather cold. Snow. Horses in for inspection by the veterinary surgeon (Burnett). Good deal of work getting the horses in owing to some storms etc etc Vt Burnett went in to see the ~~strong ranche~~ strong(?) ranche horses. Inspected prisoners guard room, QMS etc etc. and entered my name at ___ the ___ in the book(?).

Sunday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on in the town. No church parade. Did some visiting all day and inspected prisoner QM Store, Recreation room, guard room & canteen. Noted visit in book. Mercury 22° below.

Monday 8 Macleod

Weather cold. Parade for inspection of arms at 2 P.M. ordered Sanders to inspect them. Visited the prisoners in the AM. Canteen & Recreation room.

Tuesday 9 Macleod

Weather cold and stormy in forenoon cold in the PM but not so windy. Drove out. Bennett and Wroughton went out to the Strong ranche to see the horses. Inspected hospital, canteen Recreation room QM Store Tailors shop, Prisoners etc, and did a great deal of routine work.

Wednesday 10 Macleod

Weather cold. Inspected Hospital canteen, prisoners, QM stores. Busy all day at the returns etc etc. Wrote Steele Dickey Routledge G H Johnston Blain, etc.

Thursday 11 Macleod

Weather cold. 30° below zero last night. Busy all day etc. Inspected the prisoners guard room cells Q M stores, canteen. Attended to routine work and so on.

Friday 12 Macleod

Weather cold. 30° below zero last night. Busy all day. Inspected the R Recreation room, QM store – Hospital guardroom. cells saw Charcoal and prisoners. etc etc. D. D Mann called with D.J. Campbell etc etc.

Saturday 13 Macleod

Steele telephoned at 8:30 pm Lethbridge saying that Deane had a team for him and that he would like to have one sent to Kipp to meet it. I replied that I would let him come by the team sent by me to take Mr Conybeare to Lethbridge. Macdonell telephoned from Lethbridge. Strong wind from the west cold but may change soon. 25° below zero last night.

Sunday 14 Lethbridge

Left for here, 2:00 PM. and arrived at 6:00. Stayed at Mrs Macdonells for the night Mac quite sick supposed to be ordinary sore throat.

Gave order before leaving in writing to keep the people away from the scaffold, and to have a strong guard and in fact made all necessary arrangements on the subject.

Monday 15 Macleod

Left for this place from Lethbridge at 4:30 PM. My wife and the children had to leave Macdonells and settle(?) go to Mrs Bentleys who was so nice and kind as to take them in.

Tuesday 16 Lethbridge

Left Macleod at 11:20 arrived here at 3:22. ___ Harrison(?) with me. Charcoal hanged at 8:30 was not present. Had made all arrangements for the execution.

Dined at Bentleys and slept at the hotel. Miss ___ ___ is a little better. It is not diphtheria Macdonell says.

Wednesday 17 Macleod

Weather fine. Strong Chinook. Did some business in Lethbridge all day morning. Left with wife and children at 3:00 and arrived here at 7:25. Called at Kipp. Looked around it all correct. Trail very poor. Lots of mud. Fitzsimmons licked Corbett in 14 rounds.

Thursday 18 Macleod

Busy all day. Wind north all day. Cold and raw. Did up all back work as soon as I could. Arranged to have permission to settle all about the incorporation of the Macleod Company.

Friday 19 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Saturday 20 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day busy around the quarters and stores. Cold wind. Primrose went up ~~on Friday~~ to inspect Porcupine Hills detachment and the Peigans. Took the Casey family with him.

Sunday 21 Macleod

Fine day. Parade (church) as usual. Busy at correspondence in the office. Walked out in the PM to Gigots and stayed an hour or more. Mr & Mrs Wroughton dined with us.

Monday 22 Macleod

Fine day. Inspected at 11:40 the whole barracks and found all correct except the backing(?) house in which some new parts of stores have been placed and are untidy lying as left when others were shelved. The rest of Bks very clean and neat. Drill and parade dismissed on ___ order at 2 p.m. drilled the division for half an hour or more. They did the rifle exercise very well. New men from Calgary a little unsteady on the wheels. Took [~~xed out:~~ ___] the guard at 12:40. All correct. Visited ___ and horses.

Tuesday 23 Macleod

Weather fine. Did lots of work all day.

Wednesday 24 Macleod

Weather fine a strong Chinook wind. Busy all day. Visited ~~all the~~ around the barracks. Did a great deal of correspondence and replied to all letters up to date.

Thursday 25 Macleod

Weather fine. I visited hospital, canteen prisoners, guard etc at 10:40 AM. All correct except the west ward of the hospital. Casey had already ___ all correct, clear on the books of that institution.

Friday 26 Macleod

Weather fine. Strong Chinook. Sp Gardipie Interpreter up for having connection with Big Ribs wife. I let him off as Big Rib did not know it and shooting might result and no good came of exposing it. Cautioned Gardipie against a repetition of the offence. Gave Sanders leave to go to town Martin(?) (Sgt) to take his place while away.

Saturday 27 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Saturday 28 Macleod

Church parade. Nothing of importance. Busy. Godsel came and said things against Fred Steele and talked a lot of rot about mines etc in BC.

Sunday 29 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Telegram re the ___ ledge and other mining matters wrote ___ Cuthbert and Capt Macdonell about nurses etc etc.

Tuesday 30 Macleod

Weather fine. Drove out in the PM. Inspected barracks thoroughly in the forenoon all correct except that Corpl ___ room was not as nice as I would like – a dirty table cloth in Corpl McNairs room. The oil cloth on tables in the mess room cut by the men when cutting bread although quite new. I ordered that the amount of cost of a new table cloth to be deducted from the next part from canteen fund and in future that same would be done. SS Patterson wife dying.

Wednesday 31 Macleod

Weather fine. Slight ~~fr~~ frost. South east wind. Mrs Patterson wife of the QM S died ~~last~~ this AM about six o'clock.

April

Thursday 1 Macleod

Busy at routine work all day.

Friday 2 Macleod

Very busy at routine work all day.

Saturday 3 Macleod

Weather fine. Attended to many important matters.

Sunday 4 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy writing all day. Macdonell here. Primrose and Wroughton came in in the evening. Gigot called in the afternoon.

Monday 5 Macleod

Weather fine nothing of importance. Busy all morning. Inspection of mess by inspector Sanders. All hands paraded in full dress as usual. Inspected hospital recreation room

kitchens, in the afternoon The hospital had a lot of old tressels(sic) behind it in a pile. I ordered that they be taken away on the sixth instant.

Tuesday 6 Macleod

Weather obscured by a fog with hoarfrost "a rime." Busy all day.

Wednesday 7 Macleod

Fine day. Calm. Inspected guard at 10:00(?). Busy at routine of all sorts got the R.Room piano tuned by Mr. Major.

Thursday 8 Macleod

Wired Tuthway(?) \$500.00 five hundred to get option on the ___ silver mine on condition sample true allowed to pay bond and the property is worth it in answer to Tuthways(?) telegram that the people want one thousand for the purpose.

Friday 9 Macleod

Weather fine but windy. Stock assn still in session. Inspected guard and barracks walked out to point opposite end of pastures fence. Chuckdale(?) called and stayed.

Saturday 10 Macleod

Weather fine but towards night clouds and rain which cleared off before the morning. Busy all day visited the hospital.

Sunday 11 Macleod

Weather fine. Wind north at 10 am south east at 1:30 and south west at 2:00 west at 4:00 very changeable but the weather continued fine until six when a little rain fell. Church parade as usual. I did not attend being too busy in the orderly room. ___ agent called to see me at 4:20 and remained until 5:20.

Monday 12 Macleod

Weather very fine light sou west breeze all day inspected the barrack rooms Sgts room Sgts mess, kitchens, recreation room, artifices shops, stables, corrals, QM stores, division stores, garden, guardroom cells and prisoners – all in good order. Usual parade on foot for inspectors all correct. Arms in good order.

Tuesday 13 Macleod

Busy all day. Snow and rain at night but fine in the daytime. Worked hard.

Wednesday 14 Macleod

Weather fine. bought silver lead property at ___ for Macleod Gold and Silver Mining Company.

___ came in with the servant girl for whom he was sent to at the same time Mrs Sanders sent Wroughton got me one from Calgary. One that came from ___ was for her too so we had to get a place for the other one. They are pretty ___. (Horse for Mr ___.)(?)

Thursday 15 Macleod

Weather very fine. Very little wind and bright sunlight. Got letter ___ re the purchase of Bay ___ the Little ___ and ___ in Ainsworth(?) division. Wrote Steele ___ and Gibson re mining matters. Work to be commenced at once on the Macleod Companies property. Took the guard and inspected stables ___ ___. Saw prisoners etc etc at 1:15 am 16th. Sat up with Sanders until three and excused him from visiting the guard. Telegram from Mrs Harwood re money for nurses hired here [next page] that it would be all right if sent by Wednesday next.

Friday 16

Good Friday. General holiday Sunday routine. I drove out in the PM with the family. Got telegram from Jarvis at Ft Saskn to the effect that he had got back from the far north, after a more successful trip to that place part of the world. Wired him in reply.

Saturday 17 Macleod

Busy all day. Herron called at 3:00 PM. I showed him some correspondence affecting him. He called again in the evening.

Sunday 18 Macleod

Weather fine but cool. Wind east. Wrote a large number of letters. Sent telegram to ___ through S.M. Spicer.

Monday 19 Macleod

Attended morning stables. Visited the hospital at 7:15 AM. No patients therein Visited kitchen before breakfast to see how cooking was being done. Inspected the mess room Visited the guard at 7:30 looked at the meals of the same all correct. Telephoned Sergt Majr in the ___. Same to Wilson at Kipp re the safety of crossing at Kipp. The river is not fordable. Ferry boat not yet ready. ___ and safe(?) is reported. Hunter was written to about making ___ with George in the Blk Diamond Mining Co.

Tuesday 20 Macleod

Weather windy and fine. ___ came with horses yesterday to exchange with cast ones. I ordered a board of officers on the horses to be cast and to examine the others. Garden being plowed behind the officer quarters. Bishop Pinkham got a team. Busy all day.

~~Macleod~~

The bishop came up from Lethbridge today. S M Spicer came up came by Rocky Coulee with team. ___ set to work today.

Wednesday 21 Macleod

Weather ~~fine~~ wet. A Masonic hail(?). Sent a team for Sergeant Genereaux and ordered him to arrange for Jubilee trip to England with his regiment.

Unfavorable report from ___ re the Xylene(?) mine. I wrote Steele at once and asked him to look up another property.

Thursday 22 – Monday 24 Blank

Sunday 25 Macleod

Dr Harwood here all night.

Monday 26 ~~Macleod~~ Pincher Creek

Drove up here from Macleod with Harwood and was busy all day before leaving. Awful wind. Made it in 3½ hrs for a wonder

Was invited to the Oddfellows ___ and attended. Had a good evening of it quiet and nice. Responded for the police.

Tuesday 27 ~~Macleod~~ Pincher Creek

Busy all day at the Creek. Very stormy and snowing hard all night a bad night of it.

Wednesday 28 Macleod

Weather fine. Left “the Creek” at 1:00 and arrived at 4:15 P.M. Did some business in the morning with Herron Cuthbert and Hyde.

Thursday 29 Macleod

Weather cool. Busy at routine and letter writing.

Friday 30 Macleod

Fine but cloudy. Busy all day. Wrote a great deal. Mailed \$10.00 to ___ Steele for fowls, eggs.

May

Saturday 1 Macleod

[~~xed out~~: ___] Busy all day in the office.

Sunday 2 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Monday 3 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy in the office. Inspected the whole of the barracks all correct.

Tuesday 4 Macleod

Weather fine.

Wednesday 5

Weather fine but wind Nor East. Busy all day up early in the morning. My wife was delivered of a child this A.M. a boy both well. Ordered Potatoes etc etc to be put in the garden. Wrote Fred Steele re ___ and requested him to push the work as fast as possible. I wired him also.

Thursday 6 Macleod

Weather very fine leaves out in full on the bottom earlier than at any time since I came here in 88. ~~visited the guard at 9:15 am. ___ do. all correct.~~ Red Crow and thirty four Indians to complain of insufficient rations no doctor to sick. No passes to the South Peigans. ~~No~~ and cattle killed for beef that were traded off for ponies.

Friday 7 Macleod

Weather disagreeable very strong wind from the west cool as well. Visited guard and cells at 9:15.

Busy all day working in office etc visited the guard and attended to all matter of routines.

Saturday 8 – Monday 10 Blank

Tuesday 11 Macleod

Jarvis to Lethbridge via Kipp – to bring up Capt Macdonell to see me on business about cattle, mines etc.

Drove out for ½ an hr in the P.M. and picked(?) Mike Harris driving him to the line(?) (Crows Nest) near the Strong ranche. Wrote Steele. ___ E J Steele, etc etc.

Wednesday 12 Macleod

Weather fine. Arranged with Sergt Hilliard to have a fence built from the police place at Stand Off to S. S. Hilliards farm fence. Springette to get the wire and the posts police to do the work. Capt Macdonell Morris and Mr. De Bellefeuille arrived from Lethbridge with Jarvis at 7:00. Retired at 12:30 the party being at my house.

Thursday 13 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy.

Friday 14 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy.

Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 Blank

Monday 17 Macleod Glengarry Ranche

Weather fine. Had a meeting of the Ruby Silver all correct. Left for the Glengarry at 2:40 and arrived at six P.M. all at home and kindly as usual. Sat up chatting until ~~two~~ one o'clock and gained information of use in carrying out police duties. Arranged to leave Macdonell here he having accompanied me and to proceed to the Leavings as soon as possible in the morning.

Tuesday 18 Macleod

Left the Glengarry at 9:00 AM and cut across the hills to the Leavings. Arrived there in good time although we had to drive without a trail and the smoke from fires in the Mts was thick. I found all correct except the pasture fence and the granary. The former is out of repair and the latter was [*xed out*: ___] ___. Lunched. left at 1:00 PM by Sharples. Halted there for an hour and left for here arrived at 6:00 and went through a huge mail in good time.

Wednesday 19 Macleod

Large mail today sat down and replied to it at once.

Thursday 20 Macleod

88° in the shade. Busy all day. I inspected the barracks and found all correct. Busy in the office until 4:30 and from 7:00 until 8:30(?). Lots of work done. Gave ___ order to Sgt Macleod who is acting as S M in the ___ of Sergt Major Spicer to see that all work was properly done and that he kept his eye on all and saw that there were no idle men in barracks.

Friday 21 Macleod

Weather fine but cool. Heavy wind last night. Busy wrote Inspr Morris re Empire claim and advised him to close with Howards offer or take the serious consequences.

Saturday 22 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Sent to Frederick Steele a full statement of money subscribed to the Macleod Co. with no of shares ~~ready?~~ on the list credited to any of them.

Sunday 23 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Monday 24 Macleod

Weather fine busy all day at correspondence.

Tuesday 25 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Busy as usual A B Macdonald and Gigot called. Inspected the whole barracks all correct.

Wednesday 26 Macleod

Weather fine but cool. Jarvis went on to Banff and to remain there until the Commissioner granted leave to visit Kootenay West.

Jno Herron called to-day and stayed an hour.

Thursday 27 Macleod

Inspected the hospitals and part of the _____. Rode out in the PM on Primroses horse and attended on my return to lots of business. Sent men out for the horses at the Leavings Camp.

Friday 28 Macleod

Wrote C W Sanders in reply to his re the Ruby Silver mine. To Zack Wood. To M.G.(?) Burke re ditto To _____ Jarvis re ditto To Capt Cunningham telling him that I _____ arrange for the fifty dollar interest for him on the Macleod Mine. To Capt Macdonell telling him that I would be down on Saturday. (____) three (3) letter to _____.

Attended to business re sports for Jubilee of Queen Victoria and told off horses.

Saturday 29 ~~Maeleod~~ Lethbridge

Weather fine. Got telegram from Comr re attempt to take Almighty Voice I sent copies all over and to both Indian agents.

Drove to Lethbridge leaving at 4:15 arrived at 6:15. Stayed at the Macleod~~ed~~donnells. Alice Harwood went down and Flora – both were tired.

Sunday 30 ~~Macleod~~ Lethbridge

Stayed at house did not go to church. Called on Deane at 8:00. Tried to telephone Macleod but could not “get” them.

Monday 31 Macleod

Weather dark. Drove up to-day from Lethbridge good trails got through in four hours.

June

Tuesday 1

Busy all day as usual.

Wednesday 2 ~~Weather~~ Macleod

Weather fine.

Thursday 3 Macleod

Weather fine busy. Drove out with Mays Alice and the children at 3:00 PM. Visited the Hopl guard room the cells, shops, stores, canteen R. Room all correct except the shelves of the Brk rooms which are dusty. Tried a Const for being absent. Visited guard and ___ it out at 12:15 by night. Visited the prisoners cells ~~and~~ stables and sentry all alert and in good order.

Friday 4 “Macleod”

~~The~~ Weather fine. Busy at work in the office.

Saturday 5 Macleod

Weather fine. Reg Harwood came from Pincher Creek Alta. Busy all day. Small mail good reports from the west. All the men ordered in from detachment came to-day.

Sunday 6 Macleod

Church parade large. Did not go to church wrote letters until lunch time and afterward as Harwood went home after dinner with Morden(?) and sister.

Monday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. Drill for one hour [*caret*: dis]mounted and two hours mounted. Sg Mjr Spicer in charge of the lot. They did fairly well considering every thing. Cold part of the day and part warm.

Tuesday 8 Macleod

Busy all day. Drill mounted and dismounted. Rain at night heavy.

Wednesday 9 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Drill in the morning and afternoon. Mounted and dismounted. Rained heavily a couple of showers.

Thursday 10 Macleod

Busy all day. Cold last night. Drill as usual. Some wind. Attended to routine matters.

Friday 11 Macleod

Busy all day. Drill as usual. Mounted and dismounted. Asst Comr McIlree came to-day. Macdonell came with him and put up at the ~~bar~~ mess.

Saturday 12 Macleod

Busy all day. Drill in the morning on foot. Asst Comm inspecting the QM Store, and Division books ___ Store etc etc.

Sunday 13 Macleod

Busy all morning with Asst Comr who is still here. Rain as usual at night.

Monday 14 Macleod

Busy all day. Wrote letters. Lots of drill Capt McIlree inspected the barracks all in good order. Drill as usual going on.

Tuesday 15 Macleod

Lots of rain. Drill mounted at pacing and training the men at walk trot and gallop. Spicer did well but made one mistake eg 8 m per hour instead of at the trot. A change had him made in 96 book. A natural mistake which can be rectified tomorrow ~~mor~~ afternoon.

Wednesday 16 Macleod

Weather fine. Drill both mounted and dismounted. Rain.

Thursday 17 Macleod

Weather fine. Rain at intervals. Drill both mt and dismounted. Men doing well. Rain.

Friday 18 Macleod

Weather with rain. Intermittent showers. Drill mounted and dismounted. Art. drill as well. Manual and firing exercise. Rain.

Saturday 19 Macleod

Weather cloudy. Drill mounted and dismounted. I instructed the former. Art drill as well. Manual and firing exercise. Rain.

Sunday 20 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. ~~busy~~(?) Inspected the post all correct. Jubilee of Her Majesty (60th year of her reign). Band played at the Church of England.

Monday 21 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy preparing for the Jubilee celebration. Costigan came to get Skelton horses back from us for Watts. Gave Const Harty 7 days CB for not letting us know that ~~the~~ he could not play in the band.

Tuesday 22 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Reviewing of the division at 10:00. Sanders handled the division and I reviewed it. They marched past me sports started at 1:30 and went on well until night. AB Macdonald[sic] and daughter were with us.

Wednesday 23 Macleod

Weather fairly good. Sports went off well. Dr Street(?) and Mr Cook arrived from Great Falls and Lethbridge. I put them up at the mess.

Thursday 24

Weather fine. Busy all day. Sent out all the detachment men ordered Burgoyne to search ___ for McKenzie (Cowboys) body. Sent Townsend and interpreter Gardipie to search from here to the Leavings and to return along bank looking for it until it is found.

Friday 25 Macleod

Drill. Cloudy weather. Busy all day. Several Indian cases tried. drunk giving whiskey to Indians "Paddy" ___ for letting cattle run in the Indian reserve. Case was dismissed. Sat up until 12 with Bruneau. Alice went to a dance at Cowdrys and almost had to come home alone but fortunately had not.

Dr Streat went back to Lethbridge with Mr Cook. Wroughton accompanied them. Sent all ___ mattress to Dr Harwood ~~from~~(?) for McLennan. A at La Grandeurs.

Saturday 26 Macleod

Weather fine but cloudy.

Sunday 27 Macleod

Weather fine.

Monday 28 Macleod

Weather fine. Inspected the whole barracks all correct.

Tuesday 29 Macleod

Weather fine. Supt Deane arrived to take charge during my absence. No news yet from the north. Sheep Creek bridge washed away and being replaced. Fred Gibson 2500.00 for the Ruby. Received \$500 each from Kettler & W Hyde ___ Ranche for Little Phil mine.

Wednesday 30 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Nothing of importance going on. Deane went back to Lethbridge.

July

Thursday 1 Macleod

General Holiday. Prince(?) of Battleford called today ~~and~~ to identify Watts horses. Sent him to Lees Creek. Wired Macdonnell that Mr Harwood had died at 9:30 AM. 29th and was to be interred at ___ ___ Quebec.

Friday 2 Blank

Saturday 3 Calgary Alta.

~~Went~~ Came to this place from Macleod and put up at Johnstons ___ at 1:30 Sunday morning. Met large number of old friends.

Sunday 4 Calgary

Lunched at Johnstons dined at Judge Scotts place and stayed up in the hotel all night waiting for the train. Zack Wood saw me and told me some things about the Force.

Monday 5 ___ Nakusp

Left Calgary at 5:30 AM. Train late. Arrived at Donald at 1:30 and here at 8:30. Took steamer for Robson.

Tuesday 6 Kaslo

Reached Robson at 10:00 late left by train for Nelson and arrived at 12:00. Dined at the Fair Hotel & left for this place Kaslo by the ___ ~~Nakusp~~ Kokanee and arrd at 7:30 P.M. put up at the Kaslo where I had secured rooms. A nice place. Met several old acquaintances in the hotel and a number of others. Met Mr Gibson Supt Black Diamond Little Phil and Macleod mines. He is a nice man and seems to be well up on his work.

Wednesday 7 Kaslo

Stopped over all day and walked about the town. Met Tretheway and others. Had a long talk with Gibson and arranged to visit the Ainsworth properties tomorrow morning by boat.

Thursday 8 Kaslo B.C.

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Left for Ainsworth with Godsal, Herron, Mac Elmes Steele, Bentley and others went thro Little Phil, Black Diamond and Macleod Mines shaft tunnels ___ and the brick ___. Mess houses Ore houses and the surface of the ___ and Lady of the Lake the one ___ for the concentrating ore in the town. Great signs of work and improvement etc.

Friday 9 ~~Whitewater BC~~ Kaslo BC

~~Left ___ to at 8:30 and arrived here in th~~
In town all day. Nothing doing but ___ re the mines.

Saturday 10 Whitewater BC

Left Kaslo to-day at 8:00. Left this place at 10 ~~7:30~~ and reached the Ibex at 11:30 PM. The trail is good but steep. Saw the surface of "Florence" and "Ibex" mines. There is a fine ___ ore from 8" to 22" Tunnel commenced on ___ of "Florence." Also the drifts are being run on ___ of Ibex from tressel(sic) and the tunnel being driven to what is considered the true vein Tretheway doubts but thinks he can drive in another 40 feet and that if we get it with ___ we can get \$400 000 for the mine. Retd at 8:30 PM tired .

Sunday 11 Whitewater BC

Weather fine. Rode to McGuigan siding with Herron and Tretheway. Nicholson ___ who was in Col Smiths regt in 85 went to show us the way there. Macdonell went by train ___ and got a horse from Nicholson at that place. We then rode up to the "Ruby Silver" mine and arrived at 12:15 4½ miles by wagon road and 1 1/2 by pack train to the mine. Found good cabin and one house and six men at work cutting(?) the mine Tunnel in 103 feet to tap vein at 40^{ft} got good specimens [*next page*] specimens of ore ___ dined at 5:30 left at six after a thorough examination of the mine all its ___ and surface as well as cuts and tunnels. A good showing of ore on the property in two veins. Assays taken 109.7 of silver and 63.0 % of lead ___ in the lowest grade vein ___ 12 inches wide Arrd here at 9:30 PM

Kaslo Monday. 12th

Left Whitewater by train and got here at 4:00 in good shape hot a little stiff from climbing but Tretheway felt it too.

Tuesday 13 ~~Macleod~~ Kaslo

Weather fine, busy all day.

Wednesday 14 Kaslo B.C.

Busy all day. Gave orders to the Secy B Co and Macleod Co were to have their a/c ready and the a/c settled up ready for the meeting.

Thursday 15 Kaslo B.C.

Up early. Arranged the lease of the Macleod Co offices for six months. saw Gibson. He is of the opinion that the companies must be kept separate and I agree with him. Told him that it must be so and that bonds must be furnished by the Treasurer. That ___ Steele could keep the books of the Little Phil and that care would be taken that ___ Steele and he were to be the sole managers out here. Saw Bryan and talked over ___ matters and arranged that the ___ at Kaslo receive the ore.

Friday 16 Kaslo B.C.

Weather fine. Contract for packing signed for "Ibex" and "Florence" mines. 300 tons ore in three months or less at \$8.00 per ton and the use of the pack train as long as packing can be done with as soon as the raw hiding season commences. An advance of one thousand dollars given to enable them to start and to buy some mules. Packing to commission on the 20th instant.

Saturday 17 – Wednesday 28 Blank

Thursday 29 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on.

Friday 30 Macleod

Weather fine. Went down to Woodbury(?) Creek and saw the concentrator of the Canadian Pacific Co. It works well but want burners(?) on sluice tables so as to save more, the saving ~~is~~ effects will amount to 18% per cent. Mitchell was with us and gave it his opinion that our BC ore is magnificent indeed. Returned in the evening.

Saturday 31 Kaslo

Weather fine. Busy all day. Made Fred Steele transfer 45 000 forty five thousand shares Black Diamond Stock in security for money for which he drew upon ___ and ___ applied using it for the Ibex and for the Black Diamond Mines when it really belonged to the Macleod. Meeting of Ibex Co adjourned until its annual meeting. Made rules for the guidance of the company. All cheques to be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the secretary.

August

Sunday 1 Kaslo

Gibson F Steele and I signed books of record for Macleod Company

Black Diamond directors met and accepted the resignation of Fred Steele as treasurer and a salary disallowed to him Clarence Steele app^{td} at five dollars per month a nominal salary so that he could have the authority

The bookkeeper Mr Fraser to be discharged on the 1st oct as \$45 per month only will be given. Clarence Steele then to take the job of Secy treasurer at 75.00 all other things arranged in a businesslike shape. Closed 1:30 Monday(?).

Monday 2 ~~Revelstoke~~ on Columbia R.

Left Kaslo at 6 am for Macleod. Pass expires after today. Visited smelter at Nelson. ~~Left~~ arrived there by boat at 11:30 left at 6:30 [~~xed out: ___~~] Robson and boarded the boat at 8 PM on boat all night.

Tuesday 3 Revelstoke

Reached here at 3:00 PM having come up the Columbia all night. Reached "Arrowhead" at 11:30 and ~~arrived~~ left at 1:30. Put up at CPRy hotel. Herron and Mac with me. Met Spragge and McAllen(?) as well as John Keen Recorder of ~~Revelstoke~~ Kaslo. Met Arthur Dick a wreck and a drunkard. This is a good hotel well managed like most of the CPR got pass extended by Mr ___ Mr Forest ___ very civil to us.

Wednesday 4 Calgary

Left [*caret*: Revelstoke] at 9:45. Heavy train with passengers ____ at a number of Christian Indians on board – Mac Herron and I were busy showing them the scenery of the Mts. A glorious day for it. got there on Thursday at 4- 2:30 AM. Zack Wood and Jack Johnston met us on the train. I did not go down to Woods because I had to leave in the morning if I could get a train to Macleod. Wood seemed huffed and went off with some of the Calgary English ____.

Thursday 5 Calgary

Tried to get a train this AM at a time that would ____ us to leave after ____ people but it went off too soon. Saw Hulls manager at once (Blair) and told him all about the country, W Kootenay and what had been done in the mines. Had nothing to do all night or day. Saw Hull and several others at the hotel. Went to bed at 11:00. Wood had come but did not stay a minute he got with a gang of the same sort. I did not see any more of him but I am not surprised.

Friday 6 Macleod

Up at 6:00 and found train not ready. Left at 10:00 and reached High River at 2:45. Train heavy and had to be divided here – seven cars left and fourteen retained. Arrived here at 6:30 met at train by Alice, ____ James(?) and two teams Found Capt Deane away. Wired Regina at once that I had arrived, also told Morgan to - wire Capt Deane the same. Very busy in catching(?) up the work.

Saturday 7 Macleod

Busy all day putting things in order for a fresh start at work. Did a great deal.

Sunday 8 Macleod

Busy all morning writing letters. No church parade.

Monday 9 Macleod

Busy all morning at police work. Fined Tucker(?) ten dollars. Ordered descriptions of men deserting from CPRy work to be sent to Calgary and other posts Ordered that the men who got money on security from ~~the C.P.~~ Cowdry Bros hand it over (the security) at once.

Tuesday 10 Macleod

Weather hot. Nothing doing.

Wednesday 11 Macleod

Weather fine. Train came in today. Mr. McCreary Comr of Immigration arrd last night saw him this AM and had a long talk over the Alien Labour Law. He left for the east by train. Several men ran away from their masters and had to be arrested. Warrants were issued to arrest them.

Thursday 12 Macleod

Weather very warm. Very busy all day. Could not get clear from the Orderly room until very late Gave a lecture to Eight men who were put in the guard room yesterday. They promised to go back to their employment at once. The railway men are a nuisance to us all. Sgt Rory supposed to be drunk.

Friday 13 Macleod

Arranged for Corpl Nelson to go down on the railway line, between the Strong ranche and ____, and to ask ____ to prosecute. Wrote and wired Gibson. Wrote & wired James B Clarke. Sgt Rory arrested for being drunk.

Saturday 14 Macleod

Wrote James BC Clarke and wired him re payment and when due on "Little Phil" Mines. Morgan up for being late for the kit ~~parade~~ parade. Mailed J B Clarke the whole of the papers from Gibson to me and from me to Gibson. I hope we will have no more trouble.

Sunday August 15 – Friday December 31

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Memoranda

Gave I.O.U to Harris, Burne for
Mowatt Bros Regina

Black Diamond	
Robert Johnston	2000–
Hull	1000–
J.A. Dickey	1000
W Hyde	1000
A R Macdonell	1000
J B Clarke	1000

Ibex main lead

___ average assay

___ lead of

Shipping ore \$89.50

Concentrating 53.50

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Black Diamond

~~min~~ Shipments

26 Feby Black Diamond	\$	
24 tons 24 tons	–	19.23
23 tons 20 tons	–	19.00

Net smelter return 72.90 cents per 96.50

Cash Account – January

Date	Received	Paid
Mowatt Bros Regina Fred Steele	150	150

Cash Account – February

Date	Received	Paid
QMS.	116.66	4.57
Sup in fund		2.33
Mess – offr		1.30
Canteen		22.00
Cowdry Bros		78.36
Indian farms		5.00
I.O.F		<u>3.10</u>
cash		116.60

Cash Account – March

Date	Received	Paid
QMS	116.66	\$ 2.45
Sup in		2.33
Mess		1.30
Canteen		25.25
Cowdry Bros		83.23
I.O.F		3.10

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Cash Account – March – December

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