

Steele Diary 1890 -2008.Series1 Box 1 Folder 5

**January**

Wednesday 1 Macleod

Holiday. Col Macleod Haultain Wood DJ Campbell and others came to luncheon and stayed until 4 p.m. I called on only one.

not feeling well enough and have some packing up to do.

Thursday 2 Lethbridge

Left Macleod at 3.30 pm with my four horse team for this place. Very cold Ritchie had his hand frozen twice on the way. Attended to some business in town.

Friday 3 Dunmore NWTy

Col. Irwin turned up from Macleod and together we started by train for here at 330 pm did not arrive until 430 A.M. 4th put up at the hotel.

Saturday 4 train to Montreal

Left Dunmore at 1020 this A.M. starved all day without anything to eat until 600 the dining car having been left at Med Hat for repairs. very cold weather here \_\_ 100AM \_\_ \_\_\_\_ Routledge and Draynor came on train. the latter going east on leave.

Sunday 5 Train for the East

Passed Winnipeg today. Col Irvine, Routledge and Draynor(?) left us here for a days stop off. the Col comes on tomorrow. Routledge goes via Chicago. Cold still, went to bed early Whyte wired me re the pass by rail.

Monday 6 On train to Montreal

Up at 830 and breakfasted very monotonous rough country all day. Reached Fort William at 200 p.m. and had some delay to supply water etc to car. snow getting deeper all along the road. 1000 miles from Montreal yet(?). dined at 600 and retired at 1100 did not sleep well. train making good time all night.

Tuesday 7 En route to Montreal

Lay in bed late, some accident having happened to dining car, did not feel inclined to rise and \_\_ myself about a meal at a wayside place. at 1130 found the line blocked by a freight train off the track & ran back to next sta and dined. Wrecking outfit sent for but did not come until 6 pm may not get off until night. Hard to say what time we shall. It is milder and snowing a little.

Wednesday 8

Slow night of it. Up at 830 and breakfasted near Sudbury(?) Junction snowing hard.

Reached Montreal at 11 pm. gave notice to Mr. Harwood by wire. Put up at Hogans place and had a poor room.

Thursday 9 Montreal

Mr. Harwood came down & and met me at “ the Hall” I went up with him(x’ed out M) to the Richard Huberts (?\_ and met May and the rest of the family I then went with Mr. H to the bishop and got his consent

Mays looks ill.

Friday 10 Montreal

Shopped with Mays all day. The boys I met on several occasions They lunched with me at the hall. John Irwin Rene Hubert and “Beau Harwood.

Afternoon had a good deal of shopping with May who has a bad cough.

Saturday 11 Vaudrieul

Came tonight with Mays. Went around town a great deal indeed. Mays gave her uncle a very pleasant look when he and I wound up after half an hour together in the hotel.

Sunday 12 Vaudrieul

Quiet all day. Enjoyed myself very much. Mays looks \_\_\_ has had the Grippe and coughs a great deal.

Monday 13 Montreal

(x’ed out /went) Came down here by the morning train from Vaudreuil . Willie(?) Drayner with me. Attended to business of one kind or another in town.

Tuesday 14 Montreal

arranged for bouquets for the wedding and and 128 \_\_\_\_\_ little Commissioners remainder of \_\_\_ guests. Huot came at 900p.m. and got a room in the hotel stayed up until four o’clock am 15<sup>th</sup> gave orders to the man to have Huot and I up in time for the train.

Wednesday 15 (x’ed out New York)

Married today to Miss Mays Harwood of Vaudreuil. Huot best man \_\_\_ and Capt Labelle 65<sup>th</sup> Batt. came. \_\_\_ and stood the ordeal \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_ to my wife says. Left for New York at 610 and left Montreal at 730.

Thursday 16 New York

Arred in the City Put up at G \_\_\_ house corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway City very lively. Retired early after the fatigue of wedding and changing cars in the night.

Friday 17 New York

Drove through Central park saw hundreds of carriages with the elite of New York society enjoying the fine day. Park fine many \_\_\_ women all plain which is a notable fact in New York. The women cannot compare with Canadians for beauty. \_\_\_ three fourths are plain and many ugly.

Saturday 18 New York

Drove out and saw Riverside park and Grants tomb etc .The drive is beautiful and the buildings fine.

Sunday 19 New York

Mays missed church much to her annoyance. \_\_\_ (at red out) visit in the afternoon. Arred Brooklyn bridge a magnificent structure built by Roebling the same engineer who designed the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls. drove all around Brooklyn and found it dingy and mean for its size.

Monday 20 New York

Drove out to Fred (?) Johnstons location found at last that he is in the head quarters of the fire department and has just been promoted to Insp of explosives in the Fire department. came back to the hotel and a short time afterwards he called and was glad to meet me again. he looks well and is doing well.

Tuesday 21 New York

Visited \_\_\_ the D \_\_\_ museum and Eden museum. the latter a very fine thing. \_\_\_ was figures music etc. all \_\_\_ - and cheap at the admission price of 50 cents.

(Writing changes – think Mays)

Mr. and Mrs Johnstone dined with us then we all went to hear Sullivans latest opera, “the Gondoliers” which was rather nice.

Wednesday 22 New York

Went to the bank Mays wrote to her mother.

Thursday 23 New York

Thursday invited the Johnstones to dinner and also \_\_\_ visited the shops on Fourteenth street. had a pleasant evening. Met Johnstone at Ford \_\_\_ timely \_\_\_ by rail.

Friday 24 N. York

Visited the Fire Station with Capt. Cassels and Mrs. Walter Johnstone. \_\_\_ time out made specially for us at the station. inspected everything very thoroughly Mays took great interest in it

Drove to Brooklyn in at 330 PM. and later on Mr. Brown and wife friends of Mayes asked to stay for dinner and did so Enjoyed my self very much came home by the elevated RR and street cars. Returned late.

Saturday 25 New York

Went out in the morning with Mays and shopped and bought a couple of books of music. Mrs. Johnstone called in the evening and dined with us.

Sunday 26 New York

Mays missed church again much to her annoyance. Walked about with Mrs. Johnstone. Spent the day quietly.

Monday 27 New York

Mays and Mrs Johnstone spent day together and went all around the city on elevated Railway I visited Capt Cassel and \_\_\_ of the Fire Dept and Johnstone to dine at O'Neils Rest on cor 23 and Broadway. had a good time returned home at 1200 Mrs. Johnston gone and her husband did not wait long. Mays and Mrs J. had gone to the (xed out grand opera) Broadway Theatre and saw the Prince and the Pauper.

Tuesday 28 New York

Visited the Supt of Police with Capt Cassels and by his kind permission visited all the station at Hd. Quarter.

Went to the Grand Opera in \_\_\_ and saw The Exiles.

Wednesday (on same page as Tuesday 28 notes)

Drove around the city from 1000 am. with Capt Cassells and Mr. Russell and visited 32 precinct and the Harlem R station Crossed the Washington bridge and saw the whole of the horses at the above station was nicely treated got home at 2 PM.

Wednesday 29 Montreal ( x'ed out Thursday) Thursday

(Whole entry x'ed out)

Left New York today and reached here at midnight. Changed cars at the Springfield Junction No sleeper or drawing room car from there until we reached Whitewood Junction where the bad accident took place last year and many lives were lost. Dined there at the lunch counter. had drawing room car and a sleeper from there to here . no snow or \_\_\_ from N.Y. to Bellows falls in Vermont. That state poor land rocky house wooden and white painted with green \_\_\_.

Thursday 30 Montreal

(x'ed out Arrived here at 1200midnight)

Stayed in the hotel all day had a good time. Many called. Dr. \_\_\_ Jackson offered me(?) a sleigh and horses when \_\_\_ we liked to use them. Say the Huberts and others Starnes called upon me. Col Hughes also and \_\_\_ Col. Stevenson, Turnbull and many others.

Friday 31 Montreal

Here all day. The Huberts and others called. passed a day pleasantly.

## **February**

Saturday 1 Montreal

Here all day a good many callers

Sunday 2 Montreal

Mays to mass at 8 am. Called on Huot who is better Mr \_\_\_ Smith called upon us. Mays and I did some shopping dined at Richard Huberts and spent a pleasant evening at his brothers. quite a number there . Some others called during the day.

Monday 3 Vaudrieul

Left Montreal with Mays got in before ten. passed evening pleasantly very warmly welcomed by all.

Tuesday 4 Vaudrieul

At this place passed day very pleasantly. Called with Mr. Harwood on Col. and wife and Mr and Mrs Henry Harwood .

Returned at 1200 pm.

Wednesday 5 Vaudrieul

(x'ed out At Vaudrieul) Mr. Harwood to Montreal and return passed day pleasantly and the evening very \_\_\_\_ All tired retired at 1115

Thursday 6 Ottawa

Left Vaudrieul at 930 and arrd here at 1245. Stayed at the Grand Union Hotel. well heated Called on Mrs Vivian and then on \_\_\_\_ at the office We dined with \_\_\_\_ we went to his place at 730 and stayed until 1100 pm went to bed at 1200 midnight

Friday 7 Ottawa

Called on Mr. White and Fortescue at 10 am lunched with latter dined with \_\_ Hayter Reed there. The Griffins came in later. \_\_\_\_Steele called upon me at 900 A.M. talked a good deal with me. got 114.33

Saturday 8 Vaudrieul

Left Ottawa at 800AM with Mays and arrived before dinner or lunch. Smoked all of \_\_ \_\_ and enjoyed myself thoroughly

Sunday 9 Vaudrieul

Mr. \_\_\_\_ here, a nice man. very gallant to the ladies. Well preserved.

Monday 10 Vaudrieul

Drayner, Morris & Mr. Cowie left for Montreal. I did nothing all day but talk and seal packages for the little wife who is busy at them. I have never been so happy in my life.

Tuesday 11 Vaudrieul

Weather cold

Wednesday 12 Vaudrieul

Weather cold

Drove a lot with Mr. Harwood around the town and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

Thursday 13 Vaudrieul

Mr. Harwood to Montreal and return. no news cards(?) ran out as mays had not enough. sorry. I did not know if it true will send for more

Had a pleasant drive with Mays snow deep and roads heavy

Friday 14 Vaudrieul

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Sunday 16

Mr. D Richard Gertie & baby Irwin all at Vaudrieul. Spent evening at Uncle Henry's where we were the honoured guests. enjoyed it.

Wednesday 19

Ash Wednesday. very quiet all day. came to Montreal in evening with poor little wife.

Thursday 20 Montreal

Went out in the morning with Mays & my patience was severely tried. had tea at Gerties & met all the Herberts in the evening.

Friday 21 Montreal

Out shopping again & have no patience left. Matrimony is certainly very trying to a man of my stamp.

Saturday 22

Had photographs taken this morning with Mays trust they will be good ones.

Sunday 23 Montreal

Remained in all day though weather was lovely. Wrote several letters in the evening being too fatigued to go out.

Monday 24 Montreal

Spent part of day with my respected father- in- law who lunched with me. Went out to see Mrs Steele & the Smiths in the afternoon, also called on the Macdonalds. Bought a nice cabinet of silverware with Mays also a case of carvers, &dessert knives.

Tuesday 25 Montreal

Rose too late for breakfast which fact had a bad effect on me all day. remained in during the afternoon & had tea at Richard's in the evening. left there about half past ten.

Wednesday 26 Montreal

Visited several shops with Mays after going to see our photo-negatives with Alice as well as the French Cathedral. had lunch with C. Coristine (?) & D Wilson (?) at new City club.

Thursday 27

Breakfasted & lunched together. Weather very miserable. in afternoon Mays & I visited several china shops. spent quiet evening with Richard and Auguste

Friday 28 Montreal

Out shopping with Mays & bought our china at H\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ & Cos as well as some cutlery. pouring rain. (x'ed out Richard) Alice took dinner with us & Beau came for her in the evening.

### **March**

Saturday 1

Went to buy some more china & silver \_\_\_ a nice walk & saw several friends. Richard lunched with us. Beau spent the evening.

Sunday 2 Montreal

Went out with Mays in afternoon to see Bob McGillis & her aunt who is so ill. Spent an hour with Jackson & M\_\_\_ at the Windsor, joined Mays at Gerties & spent evening at the Hall with John & Gertie

Monday 3 Vaudrieul

Left for Vaudrieul and arrd at 630 called on Col and Mrs. H\_\_\_ and do Hughes before leaving

Tuesday 4 Vaudrieul

Mr. Harwood to \_\_\_ required(?) on business called with Mays on the Colonel and Mrs Harwood. Mr Allan and family Mrs Henry (\_\_\_)

Wednesday 5 Vaudrieul



Drove out with Mr. Harwood and saw the country a good deal of \_\_\_\_ roads rough and full of pitch holes. Spent evening smoking and \_\_\_\_ returned at 1030

Thursday 6 Vaudrieul

Wrote letters to Supr Whyte and Tait C.P.Ry. the comr asking for one mos extending of leave. Macdonnell , Macleod \_\_\_\_ privately

*March 7 – May 13 Blank*

## **May**

Wednesday 14 Ft Macleod

Arrived here today Richie drove us up with the four horse team well received all appeared glad to see us. The safe had been robbed on the 10<sup>th</sup> and all were in a great state \_\_\_\_ Mac put us up in their place I did nothing but talk and so did Mays.

Thursday 15 Ft. Macleod

Did nothing all day

Friday 16 Ft. Macleod

Took over command from Colonel Herchmer and set to work everything pretty loose \_\_\_\_re safe robbery going on the Comr arrived and was in a bad humor and discussed the place as in a bad state of discipline. Started the men to get house in order and slept in it tonight.

Thursday 29 Ft Macleod

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*May 17 – June 27 Blank*

## **June**

Friday 27 Macleod

Weather fine. Insp Starnes up at noon today re the cattle and calf killing near Slide Out nothing \_\_\_\_ but that some of the men had not visited the settlers as regular as possible.

Saturday 28 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day at correspondence of one kind or another . wrote and sent off several memoranda relating to patrolling in the neighborhood of the cattle country as several reports

have been made to the local paper saying that some cattle had been stolen or killed. I found that the work has not been well done by the Kipp detachment.

Sunday 29 Macleod

Weather fine and very hot. nothing of importance going on. Const Penny who had been at Kipp with Const Quick brought up two cows with their calves for the use of Macdonnells family and mine. They left them at the C. of E cemetery as the calves were tired Had a lot of correspondence done In the orderly room all day. Did not go to church Const Penny having taken the of my uniform \_\_\_ Did not inspect the barracks for the same reason the orderly officer went around as usual.

Monday 30 Ft Macleod

Weather warm Up in good time arranged for trial of some Indians, one for horse stealing and one for beating his wife. Mac went down to Lethbridge to do some financing and attend to some duties as well. Sat on some cases. released Scabby Bull and another Indian (X'ed out for) charged with cattle killing on account of insufficient evidence against them. Sentenced another for assaulting his wife \$20 and costs or two mos. H Labor. Committed another Indian for horse stealing case a good one. Busy all day as usual. And put \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ re holiday Sunday routine

## **July**

Tuesday 1 Ft Macleod

Holiday. Some of the men and Insp Morris at the cricket match in Lethbridge. Nothing doing here. A man arrested with two horses supposed to be those stolen from a man in Benton(?) named Piche. horses agree with the description, and the man does not wired to the complainant to see what description he had of the men he accused of stealing the horses. Up late but attended to mail and other matters.

Wednesday 2 Ft. Macleod

Usual routine

Thursday 3 Ft. Macleod

Usual Routine.

Friday 4 Macleod

Usual routine.

Saturday 5 Ft. Macleod

Usual routine.

Sunday 6 Ft. Macleod.

Church parade which I attended. The parson went for the police for not setting a good example to the rest of the community or to one another No one knows why. The men feel somewhat sore that they should be selected in this way for a pointed attack when they have as good a record as ever.

Monday 7 Ft. Macleod

Dan Miller laid information against Slap face for stealing a pistol from him heard Dans evidence case before Macdonnell and me under the summary trials act. Michel G\_\_ also before same justices and self for selling \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to Indians Fined \$300.00 & Three mos Hard labor. Michel is old and was given a lighter sentence in consequence.

Tuesday 8 Ft. Macleod

Weather cold. Slap Face sentenced to three mos. H.L. by Supt Macdonnell and self under summary trial act for stealing a pistol (Smith & Wesson) from Dan Miller the Blood Res Interpreter Ten Indians gave evidence in the case

Wednesday 9 Ft. Macleod

Weather cold and windy in the morning fine towards evening. Jas Bell here to tender for hay. Also a mormon named Allan Busy on correspondence. Inspected work going on new stables\_\_shops etc. No prisoners in the orderly room.

Thursday 10 Ft Macleod

Weather very windy Intended to go to Bells this A.M. but it was too windy. Remanded Slap face, horsestealing for eight days. Mail in with cheques of one kind or another to pay arrears. Morris went out this A.M. Report of Constable Lawry deserting(?) from Saint Marys\_\_ then with a team. It does not matter for his deposition can be taken in court so that whoever induced him to go for that reason will be told. Wind very strong almost impossible to keep ones feet . Mays (x'ed out no) not feeling well had to lie down in the afternoon.

Sunday 13 Ft. Macleod

Did not inspect the barracks according to custom . Went to church in the evening

Friday 18 Ft. Macleod

Busy all day. usual routine. Some hay contracts sent out.

Saturday 19 Ft. Macleod

Insp Macpherson arrd said from Benton with Bertrand and Maclean extradited for robbery of the safe here in May. Sent him out to Birch Creek to see M\_\_\_ and get him to come in as a most important witness Ordered that Richard and Maclean be kept in the Indian wing of the cells and Carter separate from them.

Inspected the \_\_\_ stables cells etc and found all correct.

Sunday 20 Ft. Macleod

Church parade, Wood & Starnes to Stand Off. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ sent after him last night telling him that he may offer three dollars per diem to \_\_\_, witness in Bertrands case and in the event of trouble in getting him to come may give five dollars

Very warm. Wrote several people after dinner, wired the Crown prosecutor re Bertrand and Maclean asking if a preliminary is to be held or not

Inspected the Bks no complaints and all nice and clean to a marked degree

Bertrand and Maclean asked permission to have exercise granted.

Monday 21

Routine

*July 22-26 blank*

Sunday 27 Ft. Macleod

Mr F White the Comptroller arrd from Calgary and put up with us. He came to investigate any chgs which may be made against the Comr.

Comr wired that he is en route. The Comptroller thinks it injudicious to do so. Bertrand and Maclean to be tried tomorrow and Carter next day.

Monday 28 Ft. Macleod

Bertrand and Maclean trial at 2 P.M. Mr White enquiring into the affair in which the Asst Comr ill treated Starnes by \_\_\_\_\_ the French on the occasion of the Gov Generals visit last year ordered us to tell the truth

Maclean pleaded guilty. Bertrand acquitted on Macleans testimony. (*xed out* Carter tried by jury and acquitted the most glaring case of \_\_\_\_ I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ the case. \_\_\_\_ at the Comptroller)

Tuesday 29 Ft. Macleod

The Comptroller went away at 4.30 via Lethbridge. Wrote report of all the transactions during the Governor Genl visit of last year and all the details of the affair. Ordered to tell all of it.

*July 30 – August 2 Blank*

### **August**

Sunday 3 Macleod

Went to church as usual. Inspected the GO room, cells, Hospital, \_\_\_\_ rooms, fire buckets, Messes, etc and found all correct except that some of the doors require a washing.

Monday 4 Macleod

Weather hot. Fined Const Janson(?) 10.00 and 28 days C.B. for selling a \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ to one Clancy and one Jackson \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.

Janson says it is a common thing. Wood laid \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ man. Clancy pleaded guilty and was fined double the cost and costs Jackson was remanded for Dr. Allen

Tuesday 5 Lees Creek

Weather hot and dry left Macleod at 8.00 and proceeded to Stand Off arrived at 11.00 A.M. halted for dinner. Mays with Ritchie, \_\_\_\_ and four horse team.

Dined and afternoon looked into some matters at Stand Off Spoke to Scout(?) Denny and Staff Sergt Hilliard

Left at 4.30 and arr here at 7.15 Ritchie did not know the \_\_\_ of detachments but we soon found it. Sergt Marshall at home All nice clean and snug. A nice supper furnished by Marshall.

Inspected the new stable and noticed that one coal shed is required, and the windows properly secured for cold weather.

Everything beautifully clean and neat.

The Mormon Settlement much improved since my last visit and now consists of 300 souls

Wednesday 6 Stand Off

Left Lees Creek at 7.45 and \_\_\_ a road on top of the hill and leading(?) to the right. After a rough ride reached St Marys at 9.30 AM All \_\_\_ except the \_\_\_ Const Fitzgerald

Everything clean except the saddle room The windows of the Stable require repairs and the floor \_\_\_ down.

The Sergt gone to Lees Creek for \_\_\_. Should not have left while only one man was on.

Gave orders to send Helmer back to the Milk River for his kit

Bainbridge to wait here until his return, and then take him on Arrd at Stand Off at 5.30 Camped

Thursday 7 Ft. Macleod

Dined at Stand Off last night and camped left there AM at 6.30

Arrd here at 8.15 pretty good time for 18 miles

The sick horse came along all right. The \_\_\_ at Stand Off started off in good time this A.M. Awfully dusty slight rain had fallen and the road poor (*xed out* my \_\_\_) \_\_\_ muddy \_\_\_, the whole of our faces black and dirty Read the few letters \_\_\_ and gave direction as to replies. Dr. Allen fined Clancy for buying the boots from Janson also fined that Constable and \_\_\_ & Jackson for the same.

Six men for D Divn came in Denny brother \_\_\_

Friday 8 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine 80° in the shade. Saw the recruits(?) in orderly room gave them some good advice about their conduct

Inspected around the post attended to a lot of correspondence. The \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ returns off today and report on Jansons case.

Saturday 9 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Usual work going on.

Sunday 10 Ft. Macleod

Did not go to Church this morning Dined at the Macdonnells with Mays Gave orders to SM Stewart(?) about the hay to be got on the Peigan Resn

Monday 11 Ft. Macleod

Macpherson and White-Fraser in on duty. Attended to various matters in \_\_\_ to the district

Kootenay Brown hired at \$60 per month to work for the Minister of Customs

Percival(?) sent for to \_\_\_

Tuesday 12 Ft. Macleod

No mail official for a wonder cannot tell why. Comr must be north

Attended to everything inspected everything walked around and saw all going on

Wednesday 13 Ft. Macleod

Indian fined five and costs or one month for being drunk and creating a disturbance

Took the cells. Visited all work going on. Did a great deal of correspondence and was busy all the day. Leach(?) called. Mr Hilton also. Hay coming in for the carpenters working at Q.M. Store Hay scales finished

Thursday 14 Ft. Macleod

Messrs James Ross & Mr Kingsmill Q.C. arrd from Calgary on business in connection with the Calgary Macleod and Edmonton Railway they called with Colonel Macleod and we made up our minds to start early tomorrow for Saint Marys and Lees Creek and (*xed out* \_\_\_) return tomorrow night

Sent Const Kerrigan(?) to Stand Off to pick us up and gave orders to Const Ritchie to be ready at 7 A.M.

Friday 15 (*xed out* Ft. Macleod) Lees Creek

Started at 8.30 for St. Marys as arranged last night to \_\_\_ Stand Off at 7 and we dined. Started again for Lees Creek arrived in good time

It rained hard all day Supped at Mr Cards and met Mr Zina(?) Young one of Brigham's men and Mrs Card \_\_\_ well treated. Regaled upon the virtues of the Mormon religion in a discussion between Mr Card and Mr Young on one side and Messrs Ross & Kingsmill on the other. Went to the police station at 9.30 retired at 11 P.M.

Saturday 16 Ft. Macleod

Mr Ross not well, left him at Lees Creek and started for St Marys at 7.00 got there at 8.30. Met Macpherson who was surprised and pleased to meet Kingsmill dined at 9.00 and started at 9.30 got to Lees Creek at in good time. Mr Ross better

Started for the Cochrane ranche but on wrong trail made Slide Out when I found it out got there at 3.00 Mr C not at home left note housekeeper gave us lunch. Started at 4.30 got here at 8.30 32 miles

Messrs Ross and Kingsmill went to \_\_\_\_\_



*August 17- 27 Blank*

Thursday 28 Kootenai

Left Macleod at 6.00 AM arr Kootenai at 9.30 lunched and inspected detachment, hay etc left \_\_\_ at 1.30 and reached here at 7 PM \_\_\_ Mays and I with Ritchie and the others in Kootenai Browns house. Very windy all night

Friday 29

(*xed out* \_\_\_) visited my claim and remarked the stakes of same. \_\_\_ \_\_\_. It is the south east qr of the 32 Tp 1 Range 29 W of 4<sup>th</sup> initial meridian of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Started for Big Bend at 11.00 and reached there 1.30. Inspected the detachment and had dinner. Started again 3.00 and passed Kootenai at 5.30 met a party Haultain Sharples and others on the hill reached here at 8.30 drove fast long drive today.

*August 30- September 3 Blank*

Wednesday 3 Lethbridge

Left Macleod at 11.00 reached Kipp at 1.00 had luncheon then at Longs(?), the latter says that the men at the detachment complain of the number of visitors who come up and stay at the detachment en route \_\_\_ and eating grub. \_\_\_ business of Long and others Police keep stopping places

Reached here at 3.30 Saw Bentley and Bright also Mr Currie(?) later at several places \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ and spent the evening at Bentleys played whist won \_\_\_ extent.

Thursday 4 Ft. Macleod

Left Lethbridge at 3.20 and arrived here at 6.40 PM

In the morning \_\_\_ my coal oil claim in the land office Lethbridge & saw the gunsmith(?) about \_\_\_ in the offices then after that called on Deane Came to hotel to lunch

Saw Dr \_\_\_ in the morning he started for Great Falls in the AM Saw Wainwright and several others Mayr bought some things for the kitchen and called at various places. Called \_\_\_ and had advice for his illness also called on Mrs Deane.

*September 5-12 Blank*

Saturday 13 Macleod

Fined with Inspr Wood J.P. the sum of five dollars and costs one Harrison a miner of Pincher Creek

One months HL and \_\_\_ as an alternative

Attended as usual to lots of correspondence Wood to inspect Big Bend and Kootenay tomorrow and report on repairs for latter place, also to measure the hay if necessary Starnes to go to Stand Off to see buildings. Inspected the progress of HSaddle room, the brick ovens and oil shed, gave direction with regard to various matters. \_\_\_ to be put on in different places.

*September 14 – October 31 Blank*

## **November**

Saturday 1 Porcupine Hills

Left Macleod at 1.30 and arrived here at dark then \_\_\_ four horse team \_\_\_ Ritchie and \_\_\_ have \_\_\_. Detachment situated in a very nice spot on a bend of the river a creek \_\_\_ stream in which the men have constructed a pond from which they have an almost infinite supply of fish (speckled trout) I have come to inspect the post. Sergt Brooke in charge. Log house and stable very good and well built. Cochrane D J called and stayed until 12.30 AM 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bright moonlight for his ride home.

Sunday 2 Macleod

Up early. All the men up before dawn and attending to their horses Weather delightful. Inspected everything. Arms accoutrements, horses all in good order Hay fair, gave order to Sergt Brooke to see if Dunbar can put up the balance of the hay to complete his contract, if not to see Cochrane and get him to keep the five tons for us at ten dollars until I hear. Gave orders for \_\_\_ near \_\_\_ and getting in the \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_. Got home at 2.30 and found lunch ready

Monday 3 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine and warm target practice going on all day as usual. Visited Hospital and all the institutions except barrack rooms gave orders for storage of potatoes Sat up until 11.20 Called on Father LaCombe and stayed half an hour

Tuesday 4 Leavings

Up at an early hour Sent off order to Macpherson and informed him of the fact \_\_\_ was (*xed out* parted?) \_\_\_ and would be made Wrote him re other matters. Sent team to Kipp to haul \_\_\_ also orders to Sergt \_\_\_ to have it placed not less than one hundred feet from the nearest building \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ team to haul big orders once a month. Left for here at 2.15 P.M., got here \_\_\_ at 6.00 met Mr Christie here and had long chat over old times. Retired to bed at 10.30 Mays dine out with me

Wednesday 5

Up at 7.30 Breakfast at 9.00 Christie went off at 10. Team came for me then. Went to Detachment and inspected found hay horses arms rations fuel and the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ detachment in good order clean etc gave orders to store the potatoes in the cellar for the winter also to enter in the diary the miles travelled Drove back to Leavings and ordered team for two oclock.

*November 6-December 31 Blank*

**Memoranda**

\_\_\_ Bear and Fast Rider stole M\_\_\_ horse in Montana

Accepted a draft at 30 days Cowdry Bros in favor of tailor Weber per Winnipeg lawyer

Asked Cowdry to get the draft of Leslie pd as usual and to extend time for the other one.

**Cash Account – June**

Date	Received	Paid
___ Cowdry		100.00
On a/c pay	110.00	
Const Ritchie		5.00
Const Penny		5.00
Cowdry Bros	100.00	

Scott & Leslie for furniture	100.00
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**Cash Account – July**

Date	Received	Paid
Cowdry Bros	455.00	
HB Company for carpets etc		100.00
F. White Comptroller		200.00
Freight		7.72
Freight, Tobac.		10.00
Freight		32.52
Ritchie		
Penny		
Beef a/c I.G.B.		
Freight per NWC a/c		
___ Surgeon Mays		
Pay from Inspr Wood	6.27	
Galaxy(?) ___ and dog ___		2.00
Peterson Mag.		2.00
Gazette ___		1.00
___ ___		1.00
Pd Cowdry Bros on advances made		55.00

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From a/c of pay	116.66	
Mess offrs __		
May, June and July		9.10
Ritchie Constable for		
wages __ __		5.00
Penny, Servant		5.00
__ to Matthews		
Agent Lethbridge		3.45
case furniture		
Note paper		1.00

**Cash Account – August**

Date	Received	Paid
HBCo carpet a/c		20.00

**Cash Account – September**

Date	Received	Paid
Pd Scott & Leslie		
Furniture __ Cowdry		
Bros		50.00
HBCo receipt		
acknowledged		40.00

Ritchie & Penny		10.00
Mayr		3.00
Mayr		5.00
Jessie (hired girl)	10.00	
Hotel Lethbridge	4.00	
Mess subscription	1.00	
Ritchie	5.00	
Holland	5.00	
HB Co	30.00	
Mayr	14.00	
Department ____		
____ Cowdry Bros	55.00	
Bentley	10.00	

**Cash Account – October**

Date	Received	Paid
John Darlington per N Baker per Cowdry Bro		20.00
Cowdry Bros	20.00	
Const Ritchie as groom		5.00
Do. Palmer cook		5.00
Cowdry Bros		54.00

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**Cash Account – November**

Date	Received	Paid
HBCo furniture a/c		30.00
Mess subs and wines		5.60
Servants Ritchie & Palmer		10.00
Cowdry note for month		

**Cash Account – Summary**

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402, 404 & 406 Nace(?) St.

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**Back Endpaper**

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**Loose papers enclosed**

Receipt from Hudsons Bay Company for \$30.00, December 13, 1890.





