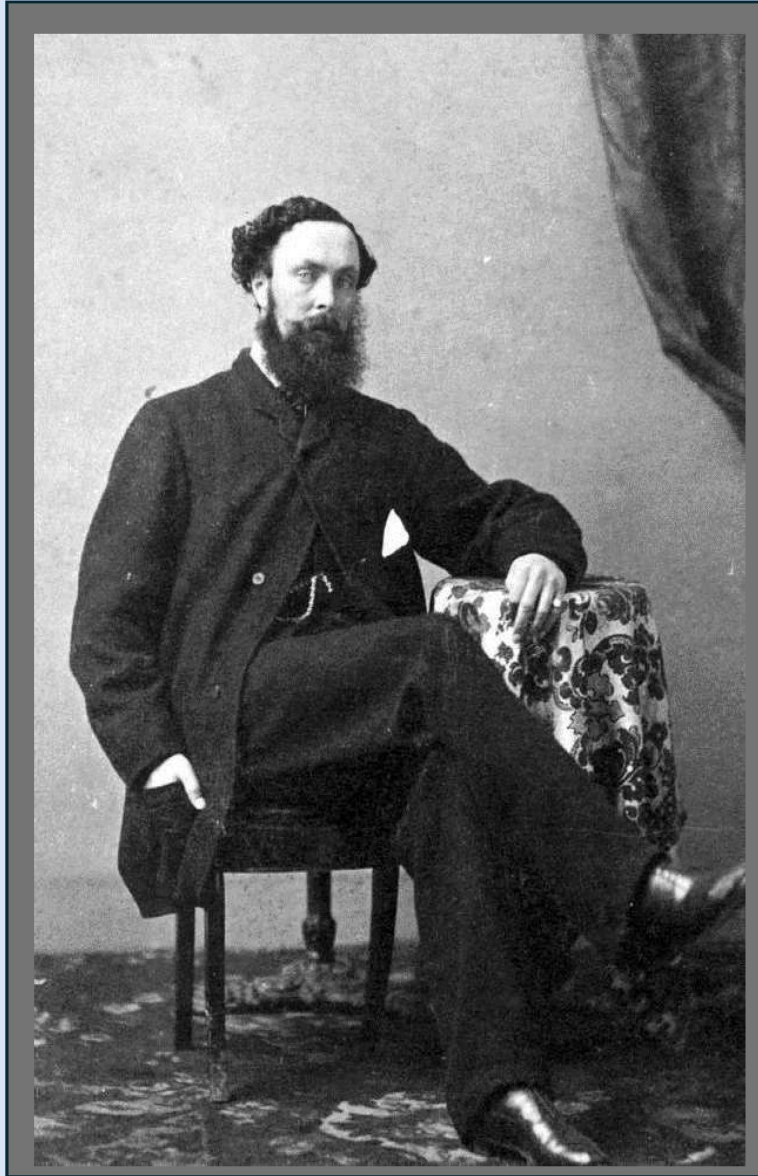


DIARIES OF PETER O'REILLY

1858 – 1905



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1871

DIARY TRANSCRIPTION

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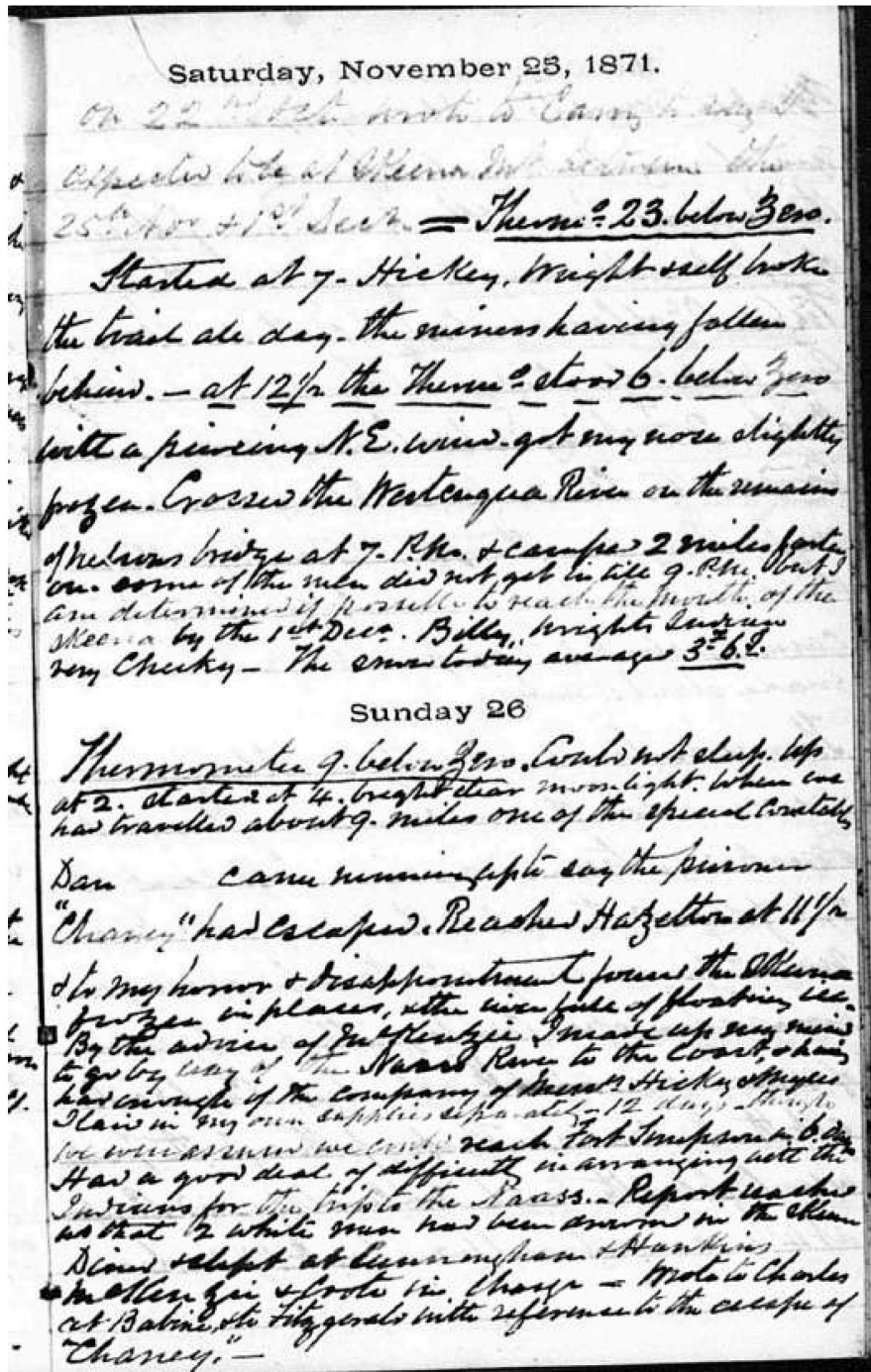
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Traveling in snow and sub-zero temperatures (F°) from the Omineca, Peter O'Reilly and crew are stopped by the frozen Skeena River and use the Nass River to reach Fort Simpson on the Pacific coast.
November 26, 1871



DIARY SUMMARY

JANUARY

Terms of confederation agreed to by Legislative Council - Queen Victoria is asked for entry into Dominion.

FEBRUARY

Hudson's Bay Company ship *The Prince of Wales* arrives from England after 128 days at sea – Peter O'Reilly receives shipment of wine, pays freight and duty charges.

MARCH

Peter O'Reilly plants asparagus, sea kale, radishes, lettuce, cress, turnips, mustard, and potatoes – prepares for trip to the Omineca region in northern British Columbia, site of another gold rush – leaves for Hope and Yale.

APRIL

Court at Ashcroft, Kamloops, and Lytton - returns to Yale to meet his wife Carry who has traveled from Victoria.

MAY

Receives \$500 from Treasury for Omineca trip - travels north to 100 Mile House and Soda Creek - takes steamer to Quesnel and Fort George – travel by horseback, then canoe along swift flowing rivers – Indian packers leave - Germansen Creek reached.

JUNE

Peter establishes a tent camp - holds mining court, records claims, issues licences, settles miner's disputes, and deals with pre-emption land claims – plants a small garden despite regular freezing weather – the weather warms, creek and river flood, mosquitoes become “very troublesome” - tenders submitted to build trail from Germansen Landing to new townsite.

JULY

Gold discovered on Manson River, Germansen site deserted in favour of new discovery - Peter records numerous new Manson claims - “intensely hot”, forest fires start – purchases 11 lbs of mutton for \$6.60, “ruinously extravagant” - sends numbered letters to Carry - beef cattle and pack train arrive overland to supply area – considers discharging Mashell for giving whiskey to an Indian.

AUGUST

Mosquitoes “more numerous & more vicious than at any previous time” - hears assault case, an incident involving stolen gold dust, and holds court of revision regarding voter registration – Joseph Trutch is appointed Lieutenant Governor - freezing weather returns, fresh snow on mountains.

SEPTEMBER

Peter and crew travel to Takla Lake, Trembleur Lake, then the Tachie River enroute to Fort St James on Stuart Lake – continues to Babine Lake and Fort Babine - lays out reserves before returning to Trembleur Lake - receives authority to spend \$2000 for trail maintenance.

OCTOBER

Returns to Manson River in the Omineca – hears mining cases and settles disputes – inspects trail maintenance - snow falls and miners depart for the south – nine court cases in one day - river frozen solid by month end – leaves October 28th with small crew, supplies, packs, canoes, and boats.

NOVEMBER

The group travels southward to Fort St James – official papers accidentally left behind - tent blown over twice by strong winds, temperature -17 F – only flour, pemican, and dried salmon available at fort - forgotten papers delivered - journey across partially frozen Stuart Lake - dying horses seen, goods strewn about lakeshore – travel to Babine Lake, then Skeena River - larger canoes abandoned in favour of smaller ones - men fall through ice and deep snow, sub-zero temperatures continue – partially frozen Skeena River reached – diversion northward to Nass River for ice-free passage to Metlakatla mission on Pacific coast.

DECEMBER

Snow nearly 5 ft deep - men make snowshoes of brush and sticks – a packer tries to desert - Naas River becomes ice-free and heavy rains fall - canoes and guide obtained from local Indians – arrival at Fort Simpson, then south to Metlakatla and Skeena River where steamer *Otter* awaits - weather turns stormy, Indian packers refuse to proceed – delay causes group to miss steamer which has departed previous night – group cannot return to Victoria and Peter misses being with family at Christmas – Peter returns to Fort Simpson feeling depressed, unable to do anything, hopes another steamer will arrive.

REFERENCES & COMMENTS

1871-02-01

Emma Jane (Arden) Jenns

(1836-1909)

Wife of Reverend Percival Jenns (1834-1915).

1871-03-24

Omineca Gold Rush

Gold rush in northern interior region of British Columbia started in 1869 and included the discoveries at Lost Creek, Germansen Creek and Manson Creek.

1871-05-03

Soda Creek, BC

Soda Creek was the terminus of the Old Cariboo Road in 1863 constructed by Gustavus Blin Wright and the southern terminus for steamboats on the upper Fraser River traveling to Quesnel. The photo shows the steamer *Enterprise* and the Colonial Hotel at Soda Creek.

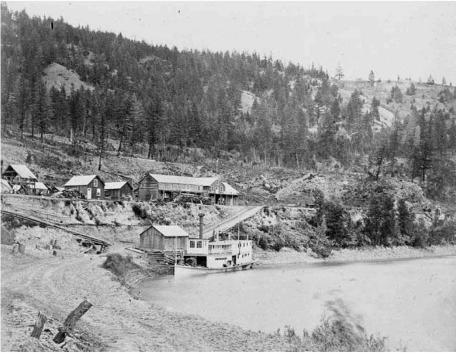


Image: Soda Creek, 266 miles above Yale (BC Archives A-03908, c. 1868)

1871-05-08

Fort George

HBC trading post located at the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers, later renamed “Prince George”.

1871-07-05

Manson Creek, BC

Omineca gold rush town started in 1871.

1871-07-29

Fort St James

Trading post founded by the North West Company in 1806, HBC operated it from 1821.

1871-11-26

Fort Simpson

HBC fur trading post established in 1831 near the mouth of the Nass River on the Pacific coast, later named Port Simpson, now Lax Kw’alaams.

1871-12-12

Metlakatla, BC

A former Tsimshian village site chosen by missionary William Duncan in 1862 as the next location to establish his utopian Christian community after leaving Fort Simpson. By 1879 the community had grown to more than 1000 residents, operating around ideals of Christian brotherhood and an acceptance of capitalism. Over time, Duncan became a thorn in the side of church hierarchy and the BC government and by 1887 Duncan and some of his followers left Metlakatla for New Metlakatla established on Annette Island in Alaska. “Old” Metlakatla went into decline.

1871-12-12

William Duncan

(1832-1918)

British lay missionary who started the Indigenous Christian utopia among the Tsimshian people at Metlakatla in 1862.

DIARY – 1871

NOTES

No 291
19th July Bal of Revenue \$1889.71
20th Oct - Paid to C C L&W 2 588 53

28th Augst In hand for express
Of trip Com \$223.75
Notes 299.00
 \$522.75

26th Deposited at H. B. Ft St James
No 1- 77 Lost Cr \$1244
No 2 [*deletion*]
No 3 1494.50
No 3 2616.50
 1638 -

Also private bag of
Specimens gold & silver &c
No 2. - \$1117-05

JANUARY

1871-01-01

SUNDAY

Frosty morning - beautiful bright sunny day. Pussy decidedly better. The Doctor called at 11- O.C. Went to St Johns Church alone. Revd Mr Jenns officiated and preached a very good sermon. Waited for the Congregation from Christs Church, & walked home with Mrs Trutch Sen. & Frankey, John & Zoe came over & all dined with us, & I drove them home at 6½-. Amusing encounter with Mr Chas Bloomfield.

1871-01-02

MONDAY

Appearance of a change in the weather, dry underfoot, but cold & rainless. Walked into town & joined Joe & Crease & with them paid a round of visits - Viz. Mrs Crease, Sir J. Douglas, Mrs Tuzo Fairfield, Govt House, Stahlschmidt, Ward Joe Pemberton. Alson Mrs Jonston Mrs Jackson, Zoe, & Mrs Charles. Joe walked home, & persuaded us to drive over to dinner at Fairfield - home at 1- O.C. AM.

1871-01-03

TUESDAY

John walked over intending to go out to shoot, breakfasted after which he walked home, as it commenced to rain & continued all day. Stevenson, & Robinson called all the morning. The Fairfield party, John & Zoe dined with us.

One of the heaviest days rain I can remember

1871-01-04

WEDNESDAY

Cold & raw, no rain for a wonder
Drove Carry to call on Mrs Pearse
Mrs Wood & Mrs McKay.
Home at 6- Carry & self dined alone.

1871-01-05

THURSDAY

Slight frost during the night. Walked

into town with Carry & Frank met Mr Graham who took us through the H. B. Cos store home at 2. P.M. just as it commenced to pour with rain, dined early remained in doors all the evening Legislative Council opened by Mr Musgrave at [left blank] P.M. Enterprise arrived from N. W at 4 P.M. Sent Cheque to Bushby for \$100.00 price of Burch's [Manton] gun sold to C Evans

1871-01-06

FRIDAY

Frank went to childrens party at Mrs Fellows. Drove Carry to call on Mrs Alston, & then to Fairfield Went at 5- O.C. to Mrs Fellows for Frank & the young Drakes. Walker & Charles dined with us.

1871-01-07

SATURDAY

Walked into Town, & spent the morning with Walker. Sent Punch to town for Walker. The Fairfield party called & stayed an hour. Commenced to rain about 3- & poured heavily all the evening.

1871-01-08

SUNDAY

Rained incessantly all the day Carry & self walked to Church at St Johns, & spent the evening at home. -

1871-01-09

MONDAY

Rained all the night, & morning the mail steamer arrived at 8- A.M. Walked into town & declared to Collectorate statement before Alston. Paid into Treasury by cheque \$254.81. the bal of the Yale Rev to 31st Decr. Telegraphed to Pope for Savings bank cash book &c.

1871-01-10

TUESDAY

Walked into town, & drew Vowell's pay for Nov & Decr. Drove Walker to

Esquimalt to call on Capt Herbert of the [left blank] then at Creases, Mrs Jackson Fairfield, Govt House, Mrs Pearce, Johnston & Mrs Charles. Carry & self dined at Govt House. H. E. threatened with an other attack & did not appear. home at ¼ 11- OC.

1871-01-11

WEDNESDAY

Bitterly cold day, heavy rain Drove into town with Carry, & selected a ring as a present for H.P.W. \$20- Bachelors Ball at the Alhambra well attended & very successful got home at 2- A.M.

1871-01-12

THURSDAY

Up at 7- & went to town to say good bye to H.P.W, who left in the Pacific at 10½ - much to my regret. Had a chat with Hamley, with Joe, Crease, & handed in my acct to Auditor & Treasurer to 31st Decr. Enterprise arrived fr N W. at 4½ - recd Cash books &c fr Yale. Cornwall arrived.

1871-01-13

FRIDAY

Rained heavily all the day - the children, Carry & self all suffering from colds - remained in doors, no person called. Dined with the Children at 3½ - Pussy had a bad attack of Croop which kept Carry up nearly all night.

1871-01-14

SATURDAY

No rain this morning for a wonder - dark gloomy day. Skinner & Curtis called & young Musgrave called. Joe dropped in at 5- & had a chat. Commenced to sleet & snow about 1- PM & continued all evening.

1871-01-15

SUNDAY

Fine frosty morning, Carry not very well. Took Frank to Church at 11- Revd Jenns officiated. Slight shower of sleet at 1 O.C. PM. but it soon passed off - every appearance of frost.

1871-01-16

MONDAY

Rained heavily all the forenoon
Wind went round to the north & hard frost set in, bitter cold day
Walked into town & paid some bills - sent telegrams to Pope & Black.

1871-01-17

TUESDAY

Very hard nights frost. Drove Carry into town paid some more bills, then on to Land office - where we met Begbie & drove him to Fairfield, went with Julia & Zoe to the ice but it was too weak for skating. Drove John & Zoe to Govt House to enquire for H.E. - called on Capt & Mrs Spalding at Begbies. John & Zoe dined with us. - West wind - thaw.

1871-01-18

WEDNESDAY

Fine day. Confederation
Terms agreed to by Legislative Council & address to Her Majesty asking to be admitted into the Dominion
Joes [*left blank*] Birthday, we all dined at Fairfield, Crease & his wife & young Musgrave being of the party. Left Frank to sleep there

1871-01-19

THURSDAY

Nasty drizzling day.
Elizabeth Summerland left, & Mrs McGlone came in her place
Walked into town to get a few things for Carry. Called on Curtis Cornwall, Good. Skinner & Curtis dined with us.

1871-01-20

FRIDAY

Rained heavily till about 3- O.C. P.M. - Carry & self dined at Begbies the party consisted of Capt & Mrs Spalding, Joe & Julia
One of the most stupid evenings I have ever spent.

1871-01-21

SATURDAY

Clark, carpenter, commence to work, repaired gates, & fence.
Rained heavily nearly all day. Mashell hauled home some of the logs from the bridge. Drove Carry to call enquire for Mrs McKay & then to Fairfield brought Frank home. John call[ed] & remained about 10 minutes

1871-01-22

SUNDAY

Fine morning, slight frost
Carry & self took Frank to Pandora St Church . The Revd Dean Cridge officiated
Afterwards walked to Fairfield, drove home in the Pony Carriage dined at 4- & went with Carry to Pandora St Church at 7- O.C.
The Dean officiated & preached a sermon which he had preached the previous Sunday - from [*left blank*]

1871-01-23

MONDAY

Rained heavily all day. Walked into town, called on Alston, Joe, Crease, Phillips, & Hankin.
Begbie Capt & Mrs Spalding
Steward & Brodie dined with us, Mrs Crease could not come.

1871-01-24

TUESDAY

Nasty drizzling day.
Walked into town to see Joe drew my pay at the Treasury for Octr, Nov, & Decr, \$750.00

1871-01-25

WEDNESDAY

Paid Clark, carpenter in full 3½ labour

50. cts, & box for roller \$1.50 = \$14.50 -

Wrote to Walker & gave it to McCrea to enclose to Frisco. Drove Carry Frank & Pussy to Zoe's to spend the evening - dined & got home at 9½. Cold drizzling night Hector not to be found

1871-01-26

THURSDAY

Drove into town to see Joe, left Carry to pay some bills - & then called with her on Mrs McDonald Mrs [left blank] Govt House & Mrs Wards Commenced to rain & continued all the evening - very bad head ache Hector has not returned

1871-01-27

FRIDAY

Showery all the day, drove Carry into town saw Joe for a few minutes then called on Mrs Jackson Mrs Johnston Mrs Gribbell. - Mashell spent the greater part of the day hunting for Hector without effect.

1871-01-28

SATURDAY

Rained heavily in the forenoon cleared up about 12-. Walked to Govt House to see H.E. but learned that he had gone out to ride Drove Carry to call on Mrs Holmes Mrs Crease, & Mrs McKay. Mashell returned after an unsuccessful hunt for Hector

1871-01-29

SUNDAY

Cold damp day, but no rain fall Carry Frank & self went to St Johns Revd Jenns officiated. Met the Fairfield party & returned with them John & Zoe returned & dined with us. Mashell searched for horse but could not get no tidings of Hector - I fear he must have been stolen

1871-01-30

MONDAY

Rained heavily through the night - very wet morning ~~Remained at home all the day.~~ Rode Dan to Govt house to see H.E. got a fortnights extension of my leave, & had a satisfactory conversation with him as regards the future. Cornwall called dined & spent the evening with us

1871-01-31

TUESDAY

Rained heavily the greater part of the day. Remained in doors till 4½ when I took a short walk with Carry.

FEBRUARY

1871-02-01 *

WEDNESDAY

Dark gloomy day, but no rain for a wonder. Drove Carry to call on Mrs Ward, Fairfield, & on Mrs Myles. - Carry took Frank & Pussy to a childrens party at Mrs Jenns Magic Lantern &c. Walked to Fairfield with Joe & then drove to Mrs Jenns for Carry & the children

1871-02-02

THURSDAY

Lovely day walked into town had a long chat with Joe about his affairs. Deposited Title Deeds with Alston for Registration. Mr & Mrs Jenns Cornwall & the Ward Brothers dined with us. Arranged with Ward to purchase \$2000-worth of Gas shares, & gave him a cheque for the amt.

1871-02-03

FRIDAY

Bright clear morning, lovely

day. Took a long ride with Carry the first of the season went down to Craigflower, & home by Esquimalt then went to call on Mrs McKay, Joe & on to Fairfield. Dan was very well behaved.

1871-02-04

SATURDAY

Beautiful day. Went to shoot near Langfords Lake with Crease Pearse & Cornwall, saw a fair number of birds but only killed 5 grouse, Crease 0, Pearse 0, Cornwall 2 OR 3, got home at 6 P.M. Enjoyed the day very much
Wrote to Birch & White Carry enclosed one in the letter

1871-02-05

SUNDAY

Gloomy day, cold but no rain Carry & I went to St Johns Church at 11- & took Frank with us Rev Jenns officiated - walked to Fairfield where we remained a couple of hours, had a very unpleasant conversation with Joe as to our future, but it will be the last time I shall ever mention the subject to him. Mr & Mrs Charles walked over & spent the day with us.

1871-02-06

MONDAY

Walked into town & saw Ward in reference to the Gas shares, and got Bill of Exchange for \$114-10 less the expense of sending in favour of J. R. Lawson Brighton Ontario Canada Enclosed the above to care of Clinton Lawson Brighton &c &c. Headed the notices fr L&W office requiring payment of land to C F Cornwall

1871-02-07

TUESDAY

Trevor called & paid me \$100- with \$60- which he said Barlow owes in the full amt of rents at Quesnelle to date, no statement

supplied - Settled with Joe in full by giving him a cheque for \$577.75 Viz my share of wine & expenses, not including freight \$251.25. - cash advanced by Joe in London, less \$15.75. \$326-50-

1871-02-08

WEDNESDAY

Wet cold & stormy day. Sent Frank to Fairfield with Mashell

1871-02-09

THURSDAY

Cold raw day. Joe, Julia, Mrs Trutch Sen, & John dined with us, to commemorate Franks fifth birth day. Zoe unwell & would not come

1871-02-10

FRIDAY

Fine day - walked into town, & to the Govt buildings Joe drove over later & took the Children for an airing

1871-02-11

SATURDAY

Lovely day. Walked into town with Dewdney who breakfasted with us. Met Joe at the Bank Drove Carry & the Children to Fairfield to say good bye to Joe & Julia. We all went to see them off in the Pacific which sailed at ¼ 5- P.M. Dewdney Haynes & Vowell dined - Dewdney slept

1871-02-12

SUNDAY

Carry not very well. Walked to Church with Dewdney - St Johns at 11- Mr Jenns officiated. Rained heavily a very stormy evening.

1871-02-13

MONDAY

Drove Carry in pony carriage to Fairfield to enquire after Mrs

Trutch, then on to the palace
Heavy rain.
Carry, & self dined at the
Charleses, also Mrs Trutch
Cornwall, Mrs & Mr Jackson
The H B Co's ship Prince of Wales
arrived from Esquimalt 128 days
from England.

1871-02-14

TUESDAY

Rode Dan to Govt houser, saw
H. E. re seat in L.C. & had a conversation
with him. Called at the palace
to see Zoe & Mrs T. senr. Drove
Carry to call on Mrs McKay.
Hankin, Haynes & Vowell dined.
Carry very seedy - spent a
most stupid evening.

1871-02-15

WEDNESDAY

Settled accounts in full Private & Govt
with Vowell to 31st Decr gave him a
cheque to \$156- being the amt due
to him after paying ,e 64- due to me [*illegible*]
accts. Walked into town with Vowell
Called on Drake with Haynes, to
instruct him to demand payment
of Reece \$90- John came out for an hour.
Dewdney dined.

1871-02-16

THURSDAY

Fine day, remained at
home till 2 P.M. when I
drove Carry to call on Mrs McKay
Met Mrs Charles & Mrs Elliott
at the McKays & gave them a lift
to Fort Street.
Heard from the Constable that
poor Hector was drowned at
Websters tannery -

1871-02-17

FRIDAY

Haynes came out early
& wrote some letters, regarding
the amalgamation of Big bend into
the Yale district, & Kootenay Ferry
Carry Haynes & self walked
into town to shop for Mrs Haynes

Sat up & wrote a number of
Letters.
Chinese New Years day
Tom on leave of absence

1871-02-18

SATURDAY

Rained heavily all morning
cleared up about 1. P.M.
Walked with Carry & Frank to
call on Miss Crease & at the
Palace - no person at home
at the Palace.

1871-02-19

SUNDAY

Stormy day - went to Church
at St Johns with Carry & Frank
Revd Jenns officiated
Dewdney dined

1871-02-20

MONDAY

Beautiful day. Walked into town with
Carry to assist Haynes to shop - Got our
box at Prince of Wales - for which I paid
freight & 10-72. & Customs Duty \$14-49.
Also paid the freight on all the wine
\$55-40. -
Called on Mrs Graham & Sir
Jas Douglas, then on to the Palace
Dewdney dined with us.

1871-02-21

TUESDAY

Nasty drizzling morning,
Council met at 1- P.M. was
sworn in & took my seat.
2nd reading & committal of
road steamer ordinance.
Dined at Govt house, Carry,
Dewdney, Haynes & self went
together in Russells carriage.
Afterwards attended ball
given by the bachelors at the St George

1871-02-22

WEDNESDAY

Slight frost, & about ½ an inch of show
on the ground, which thawed off quickly
Walked into town with Dewdney
Carry drove in & went with her

to the Palace where we remained till 6- P.M. Dewdney dined with us on salt fish - "Ash Wednesday".

1871-02-23

THURSDAY

Rained heavily nearly all day
Attended the Council at 1- P.M.
Carry & I dined at the Wards.
Home at 12- - strong cold night.

1871-02-24

FRIDAY

Haynes promised to breakfast with us, but did not put in an appearance. Dewdney left in the Enterprise, en route to Hope -
Went by appointment to see the Governor, in reference to Revd Goods interference about the Indian reserve also about my going to Peace River
Carry & I dined at John's, home at 11¼ -

1871-02-25

SATURDAY

Rained incessantly all day.
Dined early with the children, afterwards worked in the garden for a couple of hours. John paid us a short visit.
The Enterprise returned from N. W. received a letter from Pope Boyd & & Black.

1871-02-26

SUNDAY

Fine clear day morning, rather stormy
Neither Carry or myself very well & did not go to Church - read the service at home.
Mrs Trutch, Zoe, & John dined with us. Rained heavily in the evening
Drove them home at 10- O.C.

1871-02-27

MONDAY

Rained heavily in the morning, about 11- O.C. came on to blow a gale
Walked into town - paid the freight on J.W. T's boxes per Prince of Wales

Viz \$10-89. - also a Bonding Warrant \$1- & put the lot [*left blank*] packages into bond.

Mrs Charles & children, Mr & Mrs McKay Called.

1871-02-28

TUESDAY

Haynes Breakfasted & dined with us
Very heavy rain. John called at 12- O.C. Settled with him all our private accounts to date, when he gave me a cheque for \$578-32. being the balance due me on all accounts, except the Kootenay mining claim.
Carry & self sent to Zoe \$250- as a wedding present.
Settle my acct in full with Haynes & took his I.O.U. for \$89.

MARCH

1871-03-01

WEDNESDAY

Stormy day.
Drove Carry & Frank & I went to the H.B.Co Wharf to see John off on his trip to Giscome portage.
Afterwards walked up to see Zoe Recd from her \$250- which I lodged to her credit at the Savings Bank
Council met at 1- P.M.
Vowell Trevor & Skinner dined with us.

1871-03-02

THURSDAY

Very stormy blustery day, rained Incessantly. Council met at at 1- P.M. & adjourned till Tuesday next at 1- P.M.
Begbie, Mr & Mrs Charles, Mrs & Mrs McKay, Pearse Miss Pemberton & Cornwall dined with us

1871-03-03

FRIDAY

Blustery day, raining at intervals worked in the garden till 5- then drove Carry to see Zoe. Dined with Hankin at the Colonial, Berkley

also was there.

1871-03-04
SATURDAY

Bright sunny day - but windy
Worked in the garden till 2- P.M.
Skinner & Vowell called. Drove Carry
& the children to call on Mrs Pearse, Mrs Wood & Zoe
& Mrs Roscoe. Mrs Wood not at home.

1871-03-05
SUNDAY

Very stormy day much rain
fell during the night.
Carry & I went to St Johns at
11- O.C. afterwards to Zoe's & then to
Beacon Hill. Rained heavily
during the evening.

1871-03-06
MONDAY

Very wet night & morning
Walked into town at 2- PM.
had a long chat with Crease
Paid Wilson the Plumbers bill
\$19-50. - home at 5½.

1871-03-07
TUESDAY

Trevor breakfasted. Council
met at 1- P.M. sat an hour &
adjourned till Thursday at 1- P.M.
Came home & worked in garden.

1871-03-08
WEDNESDAY

Rained heavily all night
very blustry day.
Council met at 1- P.M.

1871-03-09
THURSDAY

Rained heavily during the night.
Walked into town, Council met
at - 1- P.M. Carry drove in at
4½ went with her to call at
Govt house, very cold blustry day

1871-03-10
FRIDAY

Rained heavily all day
Council met at 1- P.M.

Enterprise returned from N.W.
Mr & Mrs Dewdney arrived by her
recd letters from Haynes, Pope

1871-03-11
SATURDAY

Rained without intermission
Dewdney & wife called dined,
& spent the evening - planted
a lot of flower roots, sent to me
by workman from the Bishops garden
Suffering all the day from
Lumbago. Mail St Pacific left for
Frisco at 2- P.M. Dr & Mrs Powell were passengers
Sent of my letters dated 15 Feby to Palmer, &
Gahan, & one to H P Walker of todays
Date. Carry wrote to her sister Emily.

1871-03-12
SUNDAY

Rained heavily all day. Went to
St Johns alone at 11- O.C. afterwards
went to Zoe's, while there Capt
Herbert & Miss Musgrave arrived.
Called on Mrs Charles where I found
Mrs McKay. Charles walked home
with me & spent a couple of hours.
Walked to St Johns with Carry at
7- O.C. it having cleared up about
4- P.M.

1871-03-13
MONDAY

Showry day - high wind. Jack
commenced to work in the garden
Worked all day myself preparing
beds for Asparagus & Ceacale
Dewdney & his wife called.

1871-03-14
TUESDAY

Mrs & Mrs Dewdney came to stay
with us.
Council met at 1- PM

1871-03-15
WEDNESDAY
[no entry]

1871-03-16
THURSDAY
[no entry]

1871-03-17

FRIDAY

[no entry]

1871-03-18

SATURDAY

[no entry]

1871-03-19

SUNDAY

Very stormy day, Carry

Mrs Trutch, & I went to St Johns at 11- O.C. Revd Mr Jenns officiated Dined at 3½ with the Children & walked to evening church with Carry. Revd Jenns & Gribbell officiated.

1871-03-20

MONDAY

Cold raw day Carry drove her mother to Fairfield

Funeral for George Pearks took place with full Masonic honours Council adjourned immediately after meeting to allow the members to attend the funeral.

Dined at Begbies with Carry Mrs Trutch Zoe, Anthony, & the Dewdneys

1871-03-21

TUESDAY

Wild stormy Council met at 1 P.M. & sat till 6- O.C.

1871-03-22

WEDNESDAY

Very stormy day. Carry Frank & Puss suffering much from their colds. Council met at 1- & adjourned at 6 O.C. Enterprise left for N.W. Trevor, Vowell Walkem, & a number of others were in her wrote a note to Haynes, & sent it by Smith. Wrote to John & enclosed one fr Zoe - also wrote to Pope, Boyd, Green, Black, &c &c.

1871-03-23

THURSDAY

Worked in garden - heavy rain commenced to fall at 8- O.C. - Drove Carry into town, attended Council, afterwards shopped with Carry. Home at 6- P.M.

1871-03-24 *

FRIDAY

Up at 6- sowed peas, Radish, Lettuce Cress Mustard, Turnips, Potatoes, - very fine Morning. Council at - 1- P.M. Bought a number of things for "Omineca" - The Otter sailed for Skeena - Dewdney went up in her, Enterprise returned from N.W. No up river mail or express Paid annual premium on Life insurance to J. R. Stewart.

1871-03-25

SATURDAY

Bright clear day, N W wind very cold Charles called, afterwards Cornwall, and Miss Pemberton, worked in the garden drove Carry to call on Mrs Wood, Mrs Johnston, & then to Mitchells nursery, where we made some purchases, & he made me a present of a dog, "Pan"

1871-03-26

SUNDAY

Church at St Johns 11- O.C. Carry, Frank, Mrs Trutch & Mrs Dewdney Rained heavily during the Evening. Phillipps, Hankin & Anthony Jun called. Carry Mrs Dewdney & self went to evening church at St Johns - Archdeacon preached & Revd Gribbell read the service Terrific storm rain & wind.

1871-03-27

MONDAY

[no entry]

1871-03-28

TUESDAY

Up early - busy morning. Council prorogued by His Excellency at 2½. Carry drove in & we paid a formal visit at Govt House. Drew from the bank \$1200- - \$1000. of which I paid into the savings bank to the Credit of John Trutch & \$200 for Zoe.

1871-03-29

WEDNESDAY

Beautiful day. Left Victoria fr. Yale

in Enterprise at 10. A.M. Carry & Frank came to see me off. Passengers Mr McKay, Cornwall Finlayson Skinner & about 60- miners &c - very good passage arrived at N.W. at 6. P.M. Recd Telegram fr. ~~Bushby~~ Carry informing me that a blanket had been stolen Found Vowell very ill in bed. Dined with Cornwall Pearse & Skinner.

1871-03-30

THURSDAY

Up early finished my letter No. 1. to dear Carry. Enterprise left at 9- fr Victoria, Paid Vowell a long visit got a pr of leg irons & a pistol from the Jail for which I signed a receipt Ordered some Butter fr McRoberts for Omineca. Started in the St Hope at 3- P.M. Tied up for the night at Sumaas, where I went to Millers house & Mr Evans made an affidavit.

1871-03-31

FRIDAY

Got under way at ¼ 5- made good time till we reached Onward cut off, when we got aground & did not get clear till 3 P.M. after all the freight &c had been removed tied up for the night at Greys about six miles below Hope.

APRIL

1871-04-01

SATURDAY

Rained heavily all day night got under way at 5- great difficulty in getting over Cornish Bar walked about 1½ miles. Send letter off to Haynes & Ellis asking them to meet me at Vernons on the 13th Gave Yeates the title deed of his land at Hope, - arrived at Yale at 11½. Heard some police cases, dined at Mr Mullens with Cornwall & Pearse - found everything in the office apparently in order

1871-04-02

SUNDAY

Str Hope left at day light with sent off No 2 to dear Carry also my portmanteau with clothes &c for repair & 1 portable chair. Rained nearly the whole day. Cornwall left for Ashcroft. Church at 11- Revd Holmes officiated. Spent several hours in the office Dined at Mr Mullens with Pearse Spent ½ an hour at the McKays

1871-04-03

MONDAY

Lovely day. Stage left at 7- O.C. McKay & Finlayson were passengers. Pearse left for Hope in a canoe to examine the trail. - In office hard at work all the day. Lent Barnard \$1000, & took his note for it, \$200 in hand, & a cheque for \$800 Wrote to Ward in reference to the above Barnard left in a canoe for N..W. sent by him No 3 for Carry & a box of Roses Lavender Thyme &c.

1871-04-04

TUESDAY

Up at 6. Lovely morning, breakfasted at 7- & walked to the Bluff with Pearse who went on to Chapmans Bar to examine wood bridge. Busy in office all day, heard one case in the County Court. Barnard v [Shanian].

1871-04-05

WEDNESDAY

Up at ¼ 6 - busy packing up & preparing for a start, finished my letter to Joe & enclosed it in No 4- to Carry Left Yale at 1½ in Barnards light stage having sent Mashell [out] with Dan & Pan reached B B at 9- having delayed at the bridge with Pearse Wrote short note to Ker Pope and Carry No 5 to send by stage when we meet it, arrived at Lytton at [*illegible words*]

1871-04-06

THURSDAY

Up at 5- AM - In office at 6-
Very busy. Paid Black \$165- -
\$65- brought fr Yale - \$100 borrowed
from Buie. Left fr Ashcroft at 10½
having sent Mashell on with horses
The grey pony kicked him off, stopped
20 minutes at Clapperdons, 2 hours
at Kirkpatricks, where I did some
business, & read application fr survey fr
Jno Burry with \$10-. Very dark night
did not reach Cornwalls till 12- O.C. John
up all night waiting our arrival.

1871-04-07

FRIDAY

Read Thursdays
entry for this date

1871-04-08

SATURDAY

Up at 7- Cornwalls early for a
Wonder. Went out with the [hounds]
but could not find - home at 4
Recd \$114 33- fr Sandford rent of
[Paslord] lien, fr. A. M [left blank] \$640-
piece of land - fr. \$ [Harper] \$10- survey
for [left blank]

1871-04-09

Easter **SUNDAY**

Up at 5- Wrote to Pope
& enclosed in registered letter
\$[left blank] Revenue - to Boyd, Black
A No 6 to Carry, - & left them at
Cornwalls to be forwarded by first
mail. - Left Cornwalls at 10½ with
Pearse, having sent Mashell on with
the horses, Cornwall kindly sent Harry on
to assist. Called at Cache Cr House, at
Landfords, Semlins, & at Perrys. Inspected Dead
Mans Cr repair by Spence found but little done
arrived at Savona Ferry at 5½ where we found
Mr Finlayson.

1871-04-10

MONDAY

Up at 5- very busy morning. Heard
the case of C. Pumpmaker against [illegible]
the Chief, & his son Edward - sentenced the
latter to 3 months imprisonment, & bound

the Chief in \$250- to keep the peace, sent
McLean - "Donald"- on to Lytton as Special
Constable. Poor Pan completely knocked
up, foot sore obliged to leave him to be
sent back to Yale by Pearson Arrived at
Kamloops at 4½ where we were kindly
recd by Mrs & Mr McKenzie, found young
Pemberton there.

1871-04-11

TUESDAY

Up at 5- Made a number of
records, Pearse & Pemberton rode on to
the latter's farm. Busy all day, heard
a number of County Court cases, on
board the "Martin" which make a
Capital Court House.
Settled my acct with Layton, Recd
from him on acct \$51-50 - which
leaves a bal due of \$30-00

1871-04-12

WEDNESDAY

Up at 4½ but owing to Mashell having
forgotten to take my saddle out of the store
I did not get away till 6½. Heavy shower of
snow & hail bitterly cold ride, arrived at
Ducks at 10- where I found Pearse & Pemberton
waiting for me to have Jones transfer [declared]
to - after which they went on to Pembertons
Left for Grand Prairie at 1- & arrived at 6-
slept at Ingrams. Cold frosty night

1871-04-13

THURSDAY

Up at 4½ - very cold night, over an
inch of ice on the tubs & basins, started
at 6½. Ingram rode about 6 miles with me
arrived at head of lake at 1- PM where I
had lunch with Mr Greenhorn. Called to see
Capt Houghtons who was laid up with a bad cut on
the foot, met Haynes Low Mrs Haynes Miss
[left blank] and Vernon - arrived at Vernons
at 6- where I found Tommy looking very
well.

1871-04-14

FRIDAY

A large party at Vernons, had a long chat
with Tom, played a home at quoits with
him Haynes & Vernon, rode out with Tom
Haynes & Mrs Haynes to see a young horse

that Tom thinks of buying. Afterwards went on to Capt Houghtons, & did not get home till 7- PM.

1871-04-15

SATURDAY

Took a ride with Tommy
Decided some disputes
brought before me by Indians
& recorded a number of claims

1871-04-16

SUNDAY

Up early, but did not get
away till 10- AM. The Vernons
Haynes Low & Tommy rode
with me to Woods at head of
lake, when I said good bye
& proceeded to Grand Prairie
where I arrived at 7- & found
a house full at Ingrams
waiting to do business with
me.

1871-04-17

MONDAY

Heard the case of Ingram v [L Vew] in
the County Court, & transacted a quantity
of business in the rule & record of law
&c.
Left Ingrams at 2- PM accompanied
by Napolion as guide & Mashell en
route to Nicola Lake

1871-04-18

TUESDAY

Nicola Lake

1871-04-19

WEDNESDAY

[no entry]

1871-04-20

TUESDAY

Up at 5- got under way at 7- rode
about 6 miles down the river, then
across mountain to Necaomeen
when I found Nelson badly hurt fr
by a fall from his horse, dressed his
wounds, & arrived at Lytton at 3¼
Attended in the office till 7.
Humfrey in town

1871-04-21

FRIDAY

Up at 6- remained in office
till 9½. Left for Yale in Buies
Waggon, which they wanted to send
down to meet him at Yale - Mashell
accompanied - arrived at Boston
Bar at 6¼.

1871-04-22

SATURDAY

Left Boston Bar at 5¼ drove
to Bridge where I remained for an
hour to arrange matters with Black.
Arrived at Yale at 11 ½ - where
I recd Telegram to say Carry had
left Victoria for Yale. Dined at
Mullens. Worked in office till
5- left in a canoe for Hope,
had tea with Mrs Glennie & Mrs
Dewdney - slept at H. B. Store

1871-04-23

SUNDAY

Steamer "Onward" arrived
at 6- went on board & found
Carry looking well - but to my
great disappointment not Frank
Arrived at Yale at 8¾ - breakfasted
at home. Church at 11. Dined
at the McKays, & slept in
our own house.

1871-04-24

MONDAY

Wrote Str Onward left at
7½ - & took us all by surprise
Sent off a number of officials
Busy in office all day.
Afterwards wrote to Col. Ellis
& sent order for suit of clothes.
Also to Ire - addressed B.B.C.
Lombard St.
Carry & self walked to end
of town to see the Road Steamer
start.

1871-04-25

TUESDAY

Took our meals at the
McKays. Busy day in office
Very hot day - slight rain.

1871-04-26

WEDNESDAY

Very busy day - remained in office from till 10½ till 4- - Barnard told me of his trouble in regard to the Road Steamers. Sat up & wrote a number of letters.

1871-04-27

THURSDAY

Busy day preparing to hand over the district to Bushby - the Hope did not arrive till 7- P.M. Bushby Buie &c on board -

1871-04-28

FRIDAY

In office nearly the whole day explaining matters to Bushby

1871-04-29

SATURDAY

Another busy day packing up at the house, & settling accounts with Bushby gave over the office to him - & the Cash balance to this day Viz \$563.89. Spent a very pleasant evening at the McKays, Carry & Bushby sang a number of songs.

1871-04-30

SUNDAY

Beautiful day. Church at 1- OC Revd Holmes officiated - Bushby played the harmonium Dined at the McKays, & had some sacred music in the evening which I enjoyed very much.

MAY

1871-05-01

MONDAY

Up at 6- Str Hope arrived at 8½ Recd \$500- from Treasury for expenses en route to Omineca. Gave Carry Lowe's pay list to get cashed also \$130- & my pay sheets for April May June \$750. Said good bye to dear Carry & left in Barnards stage

at 12- noon taking Mashell & Pan with me for "Omineca". Reached Boston Bar at 5- where we dined - passed the Traction Road Str on Jackass Mt broken down. Lytton at 11- held Court & bound up all matters of acct with Boyd - turned in at 1½ - very lonely & tired.

[*overwritten text*]

Recd from Charley "Chung" Yang \$30- being balance due by him for rent of his holding at Yale to 28th Feby

1871-05-02

TUESDAY

Up at 3¾ - did not take any breakfast Started at 4½ - remained a few minutes at Necaomeen, & spoke to Clapperton who complained of Black. Breakfast at Kirkpatrick's - remained at Ashcroft 15 m. had a chat with the Cornwalls, & Capt Layton gave \$20- to Race fund. Remained an hour at Cache Cr, & reached Clinton at 6- where I met Jno Work, Kelly, Spence Graham, Harper, &c &c. Dined with Kelly

[*overwritten text*]

Recd from Layton \$20-25 County Court fees from [*illegible*]

1871-05-03 *

WEDNESDAY

Up at 5- Wrote No 1- to dearest Carry & a note to Bushby Tommy in which I enclosed 3 letters one of which was for Andy, also a file of papers. Hughes very attentive. Sent my letters by Steve & started with Hamilton for Soda Cr. Stage quite full - when walking up the Mountain saw a fine deer - the first wild one I have seen in the country, saw Spence's man at work in Green timber- only 6- [*deletion*] Dined at Sauls. Road in green timber - very bad in places - 100 mile house at 6- met Sandler who was very pleasant.

1871-05-04

THURSDAY

Up at 3 AM - Started at 4- Intensely cold morning - heavy showers of hail at intervals till about noon, dined at 150 m

house - walked on 6 miles before the Stage overtook me, the road fearfully cut up & heavy, did not reach Soda Cr till 8¼ - dined at Dunlevey's & Monefees. Slept on board the Str Victoria. G. B. Wright very attentive & kind. The operator absent therefore could not telegraph. The mail did not arrive till 1 A.M.

1871-05-05

FRIDAY

Started at 3- turned out of bed at 4- beautiful day - Saw a hawk knock down a duck which afterwards escaped after an encounter. Reached Quesnelle at 3¾ - was met by Dr Trevor who was as fussy as ever & insisted on introducing me to every person, no chance of Ball coming down. Wrote him a short note & also one to R. A. Brown. Trevor dined with me at Brown & Gillis - had a talk with Mr Williams H.B.C. Tried to telegraph but could not succeed. Barlow the operator does not appear up to the work [*overwritten text*] Soda Cr to Quesnelle 55 miles

1871-05-06

SATURDAY

Wrote to Tom & sent him a list of the clothes I want him to order for me Wrote No 2- & enclosed copy of above list. Wrote also to Graham in reference to my pay lists for April, May, & June, to be presented fr payment by Carry, & also about S. Bank - wrote to Fitzgerald to send by Dewdney. Bought 102 lbs of beef fr. [John] 25 cts Tried again to Telegraph but no go, left messages to be sent for Hankin & Carry. Started at 9½, & reached Cotton wood Cañon at 4 21- miles - the freight was then sent through the Cañon in a boat, & passengers walked one mile to Str Enterprise. Finished my letters & slept on board the Victoria.

1871-05-07

SUNDAY

Sent by Bromley purser \$85- to pay H.B.C. fr freight to Soda Cr. I gave him also my letters to post at Quesnelle or Soda Cr. Walked with Wright to Enterprise where we arrived at 5- Started at 6- lovely day experienced no difficulty in navigating the river. Wright tried in

several places to get Indians & a canoe for us & at last succeeded in getting 3- at "Lilchulla" village - where Birch was feasted on dried Salmon - reached within 5- miles of Ft George Cañon at 8 P.M. where we tied up for the night - Wright tried to engage Packer Antoine to take my baggage to Germansen Cr but failed.

1871-05-08 *

MONDAY

Reached the landing at foot of Ft George Cañon at 6½ - distance between the Cañon 60 miles - discharged freight, & divided some of my packages & much to Mashells disgust left the large box behind. Sent canoe on with my [light] traps in canoe, & walked on with Wright & Dunlevy to head of Cañon 1½ m. where we met Hickey's boat returning - agreed with him to take my freight to Ft George for 1cts pr lb Dunlevy returned went in with G.B.W. met Mr Alexander HBC halfway to Ft George from whom I read letters fr John, Alexander returned with us to Ft George & entertained us as best he could, being him self run out of everything. My stock in basket was therefore very acceptable.

1871-05-09

TUESDAY

Up early. Arranged with Wright to buy Alexanders canoe for John at \$40. Wrote No 3 to Carry, & to Hankin to inform him that the box contained neither Acts or Ordinances nor G. C. Summons Paid Wright \$7- for Hickey, & \$14.50 fr Tobacco Flour & beans - this last sum I am persuaded I paid him yesterday. G.B.W. left by canoe fr. Steamer at 11- OC sent my letters by him. Took a walk with Alexander round the Indian Village, & saw them dressing a moose skin - tried my spoon bait without success, gave one to Alexander. Cold raw evening. Tried with Alexander to engage Indians but failed

1871-05-10

WEDNESDAY

Up at 6- Indian Dick arrived with notes fr Wright & Hickey to say the boat Hickeys would not come engaged a canoe & sent it down for my traps Dick promising to return in it. Alexander kindly lent me his man "Charley Hilt" & I started with him & Mashell in the Canoe we bought fr John, worked hard but could not make

more than 9 or 10 miles river rising very fast, commenced to rain about 5- camped at 6- with 2- Indians named "Billy" & "Isatai" who I tried to hire & offered \$30- each for the trip but could not induce them to come.

1871-05-11
THURSDAY

Up at 2½- Started at 3½ raining heavily. Charley shot a duck - worked hard till ¼ 11- camped for an hour & half to dry our clothes & fr. breakfast rained incessantly - started 12¼ & reached John Camp at ¼ 6- drenched, after one of the most unpleasant days I have ever spent. The distance about 35 miles fr Ft George. Found John looking remarkably well, & very glad to see me. Poured with rain throughout the night Calbraith, Quagliotte & others still camped waiting for the sun to disappear

1871-05-12
FRIDAY

Very cold morning, & pouring with rain the men could not work till noon, took a short walk with John over the line of road found 6 to 8 inches of snow in some places which was however just disappearing

1871-05-13
SATURDAY

Retained heavily during the night but cleared off about 4 AM. Thunder & lightning followed by a heavy shower of hail Commenced my letter to dear Carry Calbraith busily engaged in getting his freight peaked across the portage

1871-05-14
SUNDAY

Sent off No 4. Wrote short note to Alexander enclosing \$5- for provisions advanced to Indians & asking him to have letters &c forwarded. My luggage arrived at noon. Canoe left again for Ft George at 5- P.M. Tried to write letters but my head ached so badly that I could not manage it

1871-05-15
MONDAY

Suffered all day fr bad head ache. Walked with John to the Cr halfway to lake, where we met Quagliotte who kindly offered to take all my baggage in his boat to Germansen Cr. Engaged an Indian of the Sickanee tribe to pack my traps across the portage & on our return dispatched him & Dick with a part of it. Slight storm of lightning & thunder Learned fr. the Indian that the ice had broken up on the summit lake two day since 13 inst. Head very bad took some medicines.

1871-05-16
TUESDAY

Rained heavily all night - very seedy, & remained in camp. Calbraith came over from his camp Heavy storm Thunder & Lighting, with an hour & halves rain, remained in camp all day, & tried to write some letters. Wrote to Pearse & enclosed Johns Voucher for \$25- to price of Alexanders bridge house, & asked him to pay it to J. T. acct at B.B.C.

1871-05-17
WEDNESDAY

John left with Grant to lay out the road to the 3 mile Cr. & to engage some Indians to pack my traps to the Lake, but as is always the case he did not leave fr hours after the time appointed, the result was that all the Indians had left. Seymour came to camp about noon. Heavy rain at intervals. John did not return till 8- though he promised to be back at 4. P.M, & then remarked that it would be cheaper to get Indians to carry the canoe over than the white men - though he had previously promised to send them over with it. Remained in camp to write to Carry & read the news papers.

1871-05-18
THURSDAY

Rained heavily all night & day, dispatched 4. more loads (packs) Calbraith came over for some more of his traps - must make a start tomorrow, no sign of canoe
Finished

1871-05-19

FRIDAY

Fine morning - sent my canoe across the portage with carried by eight men. - Finished my letters including No 5- which I left with Grant to forward should an opportunity offer. Rained heavily which delayed my start an hour & half Left with John at 3- & to our disgust carried the Canoe about 3½ miles - reached the lake at 8 P.M.

1871-05-20

SATURDAY

A bad attack of Lumbago, dispatched an Indian for the last load of my baggage, & four to bring in the canoe, 8 boats got off in the morning, Calbraiths followed about noon, went out on the Lake with John to try to spoon bait, but had no success. All the Indians returned with Canoe & traps

1871-05-21

SUNDAY

My back still very painful, could not sleep. Beautiful day slight breeze fr W. paid off my wrote No 6 in pencil & gave it to John to forward. Engaged Sam, & Petensha Indians to accompany me, gave up all hopes of getting my letters, said adieu to John & started from the Lake "Tooninclath." at 11½.

[TRAVEL DIARY]

Beautiful day breeze fr W paid off my Indian packers, wrote No 6 in pencil & gave it to John to forward. Engaged Sam & Petensha Indians to accompany me to Germansen Cr, gave up all hopes of getting my letters [recd] [*illegible*] to John & started fr. Summit Lake "Tooninclath" at 10½ - reached the mt of river at 11½ about 4½ miles. Found the river deep sluggish for about 6 miles when it becomes torturous & rapid, particularly so in two places about 6 miles apart about a mile in length each, the vally averages ~~about~~ ½ a mile in width covered with willows

with ranges of low hills on either side.

Shot 4 times at a Beaver, but did not kill him – shot 4 ducks, tried the spoon bait without success. Camped at the head of "Clutsaca Lake P. Toys old camp at 7 P.M. distance about 45 miles My compass out of order, could not take the bearings

1871-05-22

MONDAY

[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]

Commenced to rain about 4. Up at 4 AM Left Camp at 7- canoe leaking very Badly. Indian Petensha evidently not disposed to overwork himself reached the end of lake one hour & ~~ten minutes~~ distance about 3½ miles. Killed one trout about ½ lb in weight with spoon bait. Entered river swift deep & about 50 yds in width - the vally about ¾ mile wide low rowling hills on either side, passed through a small lake about 5½ miles in length, & again into river, swift, above about 25 miles in length. Camped for an hour to repair canoe & for lounch. Entered McLeods lake at 4 P.M. & camped at 6½ - about 6 miles fr H B post. Length of Lake 14 miles Rained almost incessantly, distance about 35 miles. The wind sprang up very suddenly while trying to effect a landing, the canoe was nearly swamped. Rained almost the entire day

1871-05-23

TUESDAY

[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]

Lovely morning. Left Camp at 6- heavy swell on lake, could not make much time, reached the H. B. post at 9-, when we found Mr Sinclair the agent of the Co, & from whom I learned that all the boats had passed the morning before, that one canoe with two White men had been upset & all their supplies lost, including a double gun Traded some tea for 4 small fish. Sinclair presented me with a fish hook & line He informed me that the lake was then at its

highest stage. The Indian Sam tried to dissent, but after a good deal of persuasion was induced to proceed. – Left the H. B. store at 10 A.M. river wide & rapid running about 5 miles an hour – the valley about a mile wide Covered with alder & willows, the whole of which is apparently covered with water. Low rolling hills on the West, a range of mountains on the East, in 10 miles we entered Pack L. which is surrounded by low hills covered with Fir & Cotton Wood trees – the lake is about 3 miles in length. Camped at foot of Lake for 1½ hour for lunch. The character of the country & river unchanged. Entered Parsnip River in one hour run from Pack L. the distance estimated at 10 miles. Shot 3 Beaver, but only succeeded in getting one. Camped about 10 miles above Parsnip River, “Indian Seteacka” the distance from H B Post I estimate at ~~60~~ 50 miles.

1871-05-24
WEDNESDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Queen Birth day. Lovely morning. The River rose 6- inches during the night Left Camp at ¼ 6. Shot a goose but could not get it passed the mt of Nation River at 7 AM being about 60 miles from H B Post rolling hills to the West. From this point the mountains to the East are heavily capped with snow. The last 3 miles before reaching Peace River, the water has great fall & is very rapid, the River Forks is marked by a high mountain on the East with precipitate wall of rock near the summit. Reached the Forks at 4 P.M. The distance from H B Post I estimate at 120 miles. From the Forks to Peter Toys house a distance of 4½ miles we were able to pole the canoe except when crossing the river, but then in every appearance of there being a large River at high water Met Tom & his Partner Southcome – who informed us that the boats had left here this morning, & got some information as to the Omineca River & c which they described as easy navigation still water a great part of the way.

1871-05-25
THURSDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Fine morning. Frost during the night The water in tin basin outside tent covered with ice. Splendid view of the snow capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains about 6 miles distant to the N.E. Traded with Toy & Southcome for 6- marten skins at \$5- each. Got off at 6- AM our course at first being W.S.W. found ~~the~~ it more difficult than any of the previous days, the water being strong, & in many places shallow. Canoe leaked badly, ~~from~~ at 10 miles from Toys we left the Peace River & entered the Omineca at a point due West. The Indians found great difficulty in getting the canoe on [*illegible*] stopped several times to bale the water, & repair the canoe. Reached the Canon at 7- about 8 miles from mt Omineca. Tried to get off but failed, dropped back & left part of the baggage behind, & the Indians then went on while I walked over the rocky point Pan jumped over board, & nearly capsized the canoe, found all the boats camped in the canon, having experienced great difficulty in ascending the River. One Chinaman got drowned just before I arrived. Dancing Bill & his party provided supper for me, slept on the rocks. The Indians very much afraid think it not unlikely they will desert

1871-05-26
FRIDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
My Indians deserted, & I am left helpless Spent the entire day in ~~getting~~ making two Crossings over the river & two portages of the baggage which we succeeded in doing by 3 P.M. Quagliotte let me have an Indian “Charley” & Calbraith, Seymour to make up my crew. A great deal of grumbling about the route by the men except Calbraith who makes light of the difficulties. We all camped close together at the head of the cañon

~~Very wet night~~ Had my canoe repaired, which had been leaking a great deal. Very wet night. The canon is about ½ in length

1871-05-27
SATURDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Fine morning, all the boats got off at 6- except ourselves. Left Camp at 7- Caught up to the boats at 2 miles fr. Camp. Water very rapid Rained heavily. Course Our general course S.W. Camped at 1- PM for lunch, having only made about 6 miles, started at 2½, & worked hard till 7- & I dont think we travelled more than 12 10 miles Found a 4 goose eggs, which proved to be bad – a great disappointment as we are getting very tired of bacon

1871-05-28
SUNDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Started at 6½ - all very tired Lovely morning The River rose 4 inches. Our course lay S.S.W. could not make more than 1 mile an hour. Met Robb one of Calbraiths crew, who had been put ashore yesterday ill, & had slept alone without food or blankets, stopped an hour & gave him breakfast, learned from him that we were only 12 miles from the Cañon. (Robbs point) proceeded three miles farther camped at noon in a downpour of rain. Mashell shot a goose 2. grouse & a duck

1871-05-29
MONDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Left camp at 6½ - shot a goose & got 3 eggs, all bad, very rapid water making about a mile an hour passed the mouth of the “Tutisica” which flows into the Omineca from

the North about 16 miles from the Cañon. Stopped for lunch at 1- P.M. got a shot at a fine black bear wounded him badly but could not get him. Seymour caught four white trout – started again at 3- P.M. & passed the “Mt of Osilinka” at 5½ O.C. which flows from the West our course being S.S.W. very bad current did not camp till 7½ having taken us an hour & half to make the last ¾ mile.

1871-05-30
TUESDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Fine morning, all very tired Left Camp at 7- AM 7 somewhat depressed at the prospect of encountering the 2nd canon, very strong current our general course being S.S.W., camped at 12½ started again at 2- PM entered 2nd canon at a point about 5 miles from the mouth of the “Osilinka”, ran to the head of the canon which is about ¼ mile in length without much difficulty, then we had to make a portage, & did not get under way again till 6- ran about a quarter of a mile & camped for the night. From the Osilinka the valley narrows & the water is confined in one channel

1871-05-31
WEDNESDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]
Sharp frost, ice in the tins Left Camp at 6- the current more rapid as we proceed, our course being S.W. – Mashell’s hand very sore Camped after a hard days work at 7- P.M. having progressed more than 7- miles.

JUNE

1871-06-01
THURSDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]

Sharp frost icicles 4 to 5 inches in length. The water fell 8 inches. Left Camp at 7- AM our general course being S.S.E. occasionally E.S.E. Mashell had so much inflamed that he could not work, & Seymour not being in the humour we got on very slowly, the water as rapid as ever. Camped at 12 noon not having made more than 4 miles. Started again at 1- P.M. & to my intense delight found the water slack sluggish & were able to get on at the rate of about 2 miles an hour. Camped at 6- having made 12 miles. Lost one hour hunting a beaver which however we did not succeed in killing
~~The river~~

1871-06-02
FRIDAY
[no entry]

[TRAVEL DIARY]

Lovely morning. Hard frost, ice in all the pans about the Camp. Left camp at 7½ - current somewhat more rapid than the latter part of yesterday, made about 1½ miles an hour & reached the mouth of Germansen Creek at noon having come 7- miles. Met a great many old faces who welcomed me.

1871-06-03
SATURDAY

Up at 5- - beautiful morning slight frost, Walked up the Creek with Fitzgerald, & from what I saw, & could learn formed a favourable opinion of the diggings. Held office in the workshop of Burgess of Yale, several applications made in reference to mining matters, the town presents

a most unique appearance a number of well built houses stores without a single article for sale.

1871-06-04
SUNDAY

Lovely day - Fitzgerald presented me with a hind quarter of a beaver which was very acceptable. Commenced my letter to Carry. - W. Dewdney came down to see me & dined - after which Fitzgerald & Seymour came over to chat which interfered with my letter writing. Wrote to John & sent it by Hixon to Tatlah to be forwarded by first opportunity

1871-06-05
MONDAY

Lovely day. Set the Indian Charley to dig up some land for a garden. Left Camp for the Town at 8- AM Deputation waited on me with reference to reserving a town site. Calbraith, Quagliotte & the boats arrived, Quagliotte delivered my baggage in good order.

1871-06-06
TUESDAY

Frost. Unpacked my boxes, & with a few exceptions everything was in good order. Did not go to the Creek today. Remained in Camp wrote some letters, & sowed some garden seeds, Radish, Lettuce & Turnips. Saw a large Black bear on the Mountain, two men went after him without success Reid, Expressman, arrived - no letters & no later news than I thought.

1871-06-07
WEDNESDAY

Up at 5- hard frost, the water in the tins covered with ice. Left Camp for the town at 8- held a mining court at the discovery Cos remained in office till 4-. Sylvester the Expressman arrived from Quesnelle 18 days from Cariboo. Recd No 2 from Carry.

No 1 not yet received. Also one from White & Trevor. Hankins Telegram in re Collectors under voters registration act.

1871-06-08

THURSDAY

Up at 4- finished my report on district &c wrote a number of letters
Left for the office at 8- Held mining court Humphrey v. Griffith - Judgment for Deft-,
Returned to camp at noon & wrote letters all day. - Fitzgerald & Seymour returned about 5½.

1871-06-09

FRIDAY

Frost. Up early dispatched my letters by Sylvester including No 7 Enclosing a few lines to Tommy. also my reports one to Trevor, John, Bushby, returning him application to preempt with \$2.50 Dewdney, Hankin &c.
Reid express left soon after sent by him the papers relating to the voters registration act to Tom Hankin as Collector
Also a short note to Carry No 8

1871-06-10

SATURDAY

Hard frost frost ice to the thickness of ¼ dollar. In office at 9- & remained till 1- P.M. - Water rising very fast
Sowed some radish Lettuce & Turnips
About 40 men arrived in boasts & rafts

1871-06-11

SUNDAY

Fine morning - high wind throughout the day. - Read & remained in Camp. Commenced No 9-.
Fitzgerald dined with me.
A large boat arrived from Hogem with about 30 miners - Recd an application for land from Mr Finlayson H.B.C.

1871-06-12

MONDAY

Ice formed in the vessels about the Camp to the thickness of ⅓ of a Dollar
Recd a note fr. Dewdney to say he would

arrive this evening. Water in Creek very high - trail flooded - In office at 8½ & remained till 6 P.M.
Dewdney arrive at 7¼ -
On my return from the Creek
I found my tent full of Musquitoes

1871-06-13

THURSDAY

Musquitoes very troublesome during the night, intensely hot day. Dewdney & Fitzgerald dined with me.
Walked to town with Dewdney & returned at 3- P.M.

1871-06-14

WEDNESDAY

Musquitoes have I fear taken possession of our tents for the season. Adair & the Chinaman commence to put up the logs for my tent. In office at 9- remained till 4 P.M.
Numerous applications were made to lay over claims all of which were refused.
Mashell shot a Beaver, & Billy a Lynx.

1871-06-15

THURSDAY

The town "Omineca" is deserted as all the claims must be represented, & all the idle men are employed at \$10 to 15\$ per day.

1871-06-16

FRIDAY

Cold raw day - blowing a gale from the West, no Musquitoes
In office at 9- Recd deputation of miners, & laid over all Creek claims for the [*left blank*] Kelso Company to the West of Cr. - Visited the drift pile in the Cr. on my way home & also the Chinamen who had been robbed.
Dewdney blazed the trail fr the town to the landing. Issued notices calling for tenders by Monday at noon.

1871-06-17

SATURDAY

Cold stormy day. Walked to town with Fitzgerald - disgusted to find that Dewdney had blazed the trail so carelessly, & without the slightest examination. Dewdney surveyed the town site. Got back from office at 3 O.C. About 50 men left for Tatlah not having provision to enable them to remain. The Omineca rose 25 inches during the last 24 hours. Germansen Cr is lower by 10 in

1871-06-18

SUNDAY

Fine day - remained in Camp Read & wrote some letters. Two rafts & one large Canoe arrived about 38 men - Dunlevy & Barker among the number. The River has fallen 2 feet since yesterday morning. Dewdney & young Hamilton dined with Fitzgerald.

1871-06-19

MONDAY

Cold raw day. The river falling rapidly. The Creek has also fallen about 4 feet. Arrived in the office at 9- A.M. Held Court - opened tenders for cutting the trail fr the landing to the town, & awarded the contract to Sam Walker \$220-00 - there were 27- tenders the highest of which was \$575-00 Found my tent taken possession of by the Musquitoes - tried to write but could not. Dunlevy, & Barker arrived by way of Tatlah.
[overwritten text]
Paid Dewdney \$600-
On acct of L&W & \$18
to be handed to [Jask]
the Ship Carpenter

1871-06-20

TUESDAY

Dewdney left for Tatlah at 7- A.M. Sent by him No 9 & one to Mr Finlayson to be posted at Skeena also a letter to A. R. Brown at Cariboo - also to Thos Charles &

Morris Moss. - Slight rain during the night - beautiful day. Musquitoes very troublesome. In office at 9¼.

1871-06-21

WEDNESDAY

Slight frost - the mustard & cress in garden discoloured by it. In office at 9½ - home at 5- P.M. A number of men, 15- left for Tatlah for provisions, about 10 went out to prospect. Dined with Fitzgerald.

1871-06-22

THURSDAY

Cold stormy day. In office at 9¼ - heard two cases in the Mining Court. Got back to camp at 2- Sowed some seeds in the garden. Fitzgerald dined with me The red boat arrived with 16 men Recd to my intense delight No 1.
Extra via Skeena.

1871-06-23

FRIDAY

Cold raw morning. In office at 9½ Walked up the Cr to examine the site fr Qaugliotte's saw mill, a heavy storm set in rain thunder & lightning - got wet through home at 6- P.M. Examined the new trail

1871-06-24

SATURDAY

Rained heavily the greater part of the night - very stormy day, the river rose 3- feet in 24 hours. Remained in Camp & wrote letters. Fitzgerald got back at 4½-. Took a short walk with him down the river afterwards sat chatting & did not turn in till 11- P.M.

1871-06-25

SUNDAY

Rained heavily the whole night, the Mountains all covered with newly fallen snow, very cold stormy day.

The Omineca rose 4 feet, within a few inches of being as high as before Fitzgerald dined with me.

1871-06-26

MONDAY

Rained heavily during the night - the mountains & hills covered with newly fallen snow. - In office at 9- AM, busy day. - Inspected the trail with Fitzgerald & the Contractor Sam Allen. Did not get back till 6-. The river having died away the Musquitoes were very troublesome sowed some more garden seeds A large boat arrived from Hogem with 15 passengers.

1871-06-27

TUESDAY

Lovely day. In office at 9¼
Rained heavily, busy day - repeated applications for assistance to grade the street which I declined.
Did not get to Camp till 6- PM
Recd package of G. C. summonses &c via Skeena - also a note fr Dewdney

1871-06-28

WEDNESDAY

Blowing a gale all the day, the trees along the trail were knocked down like nine pins. Went with Fitzgerald to inspect see the Lake he discovered yesterday, & to set the net, tried to fish for an hour but did not get a rise

1871-06-29

THURSDAY

Sent off No 10 by Mr Ireland who left for Victoria via Skeena - also one to John to be forwarded fr. Tatlah.
Another very cold stormy day.
In office at 9- - held a Court at 11- & did not get home till 6½

1871-06-30

FRIDAY

Bitterly cold morning - frost & high wind - In office at 9½
Back at Camp, at 2- wrote letters all the evening.

Engaged Fras Page as a special constable for one month at a salary of \$200 per month fr. 1st July
The River fell about a foot.

JULY

1871-07-01

SATURDAY

Fine morning. In office at 9½
Fras Page commenced duty as special constable. Settled all accounts with Fitzgerald to and for this day.
Paid him his salary & allowance for June - & also his allowance of \$50 for acting as Collector under the registration of voters act.
Counted cash - bal in had to & for 1st July \$2386.60
Less Vouchers Fitzgerald \$211-66- &
Description
Lands & W \$720- Gold Coin \$700
Notes 754.94

1871-07-02

SUNDAY

Up at 4 - busy morning going over the Accts with Fitzgerald. Cold morning. Fine warm day. Musquitoes rather troublesome. Young Hamilton & Fitzgerald dined with me.

1871-07-03

MONDAY

Up at 4 - Fitzgerald started to Quesnelle at 7 A.M. In office at 9½ - held Court - a busy day, did not get home till 6½-.
Anxiously looking out for the Express, which will be due tomorrow
Paid Calbraith \$127.50 on acct of John Thomas \$100 - P Famile \$2750 & took up my orders. Close warm day musquitoes very troublesome.

1871-07-04

TUESDAY

Fine day spent the whole day on the Cr. & in the office did not get home till 7- P.M. The musquitoes troublesome.
Beyond a couple of Flags which

hung out - there was nothing to indicate communicate the great American independence

1871-07-05 *

WEDNESDAY

In office at 10 - Robt Howell recorded his discovery in Manson River 200 ft of mining ground. - A good many of mysterious gatherings in town & a great rush late in the evening for the new Creek.

1871-07-06

THURSDAY

Cold raw day. Rained heavily all night & quarter part of the day. The mountains again capped with snow. In office at 9. - The town presented a most deserted appearance as the idlers having left for the new Creek. Back to camp at 6 not feeling at all well - bad head ache & shivering. No Express

1871-07-07

FRIDAY

Bad head ache. In office at 10- A good many claims recorded on Manson River, busy day in office, did not back till 5½ Musquitoes very troublesome Young Hamilton dined with me & then went with Mashell to set his traps & net, they brought home one small trout

1871-07-08

SATURDAY

Close warm day - the river rose about 4 inches. In office at 10¼. - very busy day ~~in office~~ - the receipts amounted to \$238.50 Got back to camp at 4¾. Young Hamilton breakfasted & dined with me. Fined a Chinaman Ah hing \$50- for giving whiskey to an Indian girl.

1871-07-09

SUNDAY

Seedy all day - bad head ache close sultry day, - remained in camp. - Read & wrote some letters. The water in the river rose about 8 inches No news of Sylvester

1871-07-10

MONDAY

Suffering a good deal from head ache - got up at 4 AM & took a dose of medicine. - In office at 10. Very busy day English arrived with one beeve perpetrated the extravagance of buying 5 lb at 60 cts - \$3.00

1871-07-11

TUESDAY

Intensely hot day - terrific fire raging in the forests. In office all day. On my way home met Dunlevey who informed me that he had brought in a mail for me which had been forwarded by Alex of Chapmans Bar. Recd one fr Crease Bushby, Ward, & Nos 4 & 5- with newspapers to 2nd June Nos 1, 4, 3 still missing. - Ercole arrived with [*left blank*] sheep

1871-07-12

WEDNESDAY

In office at ¼ 10 - left at 3- PM Reid expressman arrived - with a few papers to 8th June, & letters for me from Bacon & Cunningham, but no others. No news from Sylvester Close sultry day. The forests on fire in every direction. The water in the Omineca as high as it has been this season.

1871-07-13

THURSDAY

Fine day. The river rose about 4 inches during the night & is today higher than it has been during the season. Bought 11 lbs

of Mutton @ 60 cts \$6.60, "ruinously extravagant"
In office from 10 till 4 PM
Graham arrived with his pack
Horses, - also 4 boats with
about 50 men & 6000 lbs of
freight.

1871-07-14

FRIDAY

Very warm day. In office at
10- but returned at 11- in alarm at
having forgotten my keys, counted
the cash, & got Mr Page down in the evening
to assist me, found all right.
Notwithstanding the heat the river
is has fallen 20 inches which leads me
to believe we have seen it at its highest
stage for this season.

1871-07-15

SATURDAY

Sylvester arrived at 7- A.M. Recd
a budget of letters Viz fr. Alston, Bushby
Crease H. P. Walker, Ball, Vowell, T. E.,
& Nos 7 & 8 No 6- missing
Sylvester called with reference to his office
to carry a mail - when I made the following
agreement with him subject to approval of the
govt. Fortnightly service to commence on 1st of
Augst. & continue fr. 3 months, weight of mail not
to exceed 25lbs for which he is to receive \$200- pr
month. - Wrote letters all day.

1871-07-16

SUNDAY

Wrote letters all day - as the Express is advertised
to leave in the morning. - A most extraordinary
day - the morning clear & bright, not a cloud to
be seen, towards noon, it commenced to cloud over
& frequent peals of thunder were heard in the distance
rained heavily at 1- PM. Lightning & thunder
continuing & at 2 PM - it became so dark that
we could not discern an object at the opposite side
of the river, wrote by candle light the whole
afternoon, once or twice it brightened up for a
short time & then became dark again. Mr Page
came down to assist in preparing for the
express

1871-07-17

MONDAY

Sylvester & Reid left fr Quesnelle, & Skeena

respectively. Sent off No 11- by Sylvester, also
wrote to Ward, Begbie, Bushby, Charles, Crease,
Ball, Ker, Fitzgerald, Trevor, & G. B. Wright.
Sent by Reid - Letter to Dewdney enclosing
Vouchers for \$ [*left blank*] paid to his order, also
wrote to Bacon, & Cunningham in reference
to their preemption claims. In office
at 10 O.C. a great deal of excitement in town in
reference to the new discoveries,
on my return to town met Mr Hamilton H.B.C.
& his brother who had just arrived.

1871-07-18

TUESDAY

In office at 10- - busy day - home at
5- Mr Hamilton & his brother dined &
Slept. -

Wrote a short letter to Carry

No 12- & sent it off by Robt Elford

who started for Victoria this morning.
Elford left with me a note for \$115-
drawn in his favour by J. P. Burgess, &
payable on 17th Sept. Lent Graham
\$500- to be returned on Sunday next.

1871-07-19

WEDNESDAY

The Hamiltons dined breakfasted with me
In office at 10- not much doing
the town very empty.

Worked in garden for an hour
under the most disadvantaged
circumstances the musquitoes
were as Mashell said "like smoke"
& venomous as = 22nd Augst.

Made up all public accounts to 19- July

Balance in hand \$1889-71.

1871-07-20

THURSDAY

Mr Hamilton slept, & breakfasted
with me. In office at 10.
Busy day. Settled a dispute
between Mr Hamilton H.B.C. & Henfrey
in regard to freight in goods &c. Got
back to Camp at 5. At landing met
Mr [*left blank*] who handed a packet of
letters & among them the missing No 6. After dinner
went down the river with Hamilton to set
the net & beaver traps. Recd Mr Anderson
a letter fr John dated 28th May. - Anderson arrived
in a deplorable condition his clothes torn to pieces

1871-07-21

FRIDAY

Wrote No 13- 7 sent it by Mr Hamilton
also wrote to Fitzgerald [*illegible*] Hocking at Tatlah
Gave Mr Hamilton fr safe keeping at Ft
St James \$2504-50. Viz Notes \$1700
For which I wrote his Gold 500
receipt. Dust 304.50
\$2504.50

Lent Hamilton my canoe, & some
cooking utensils. - In office at 10½
home at 6- PM.

A good deal of Lightning & Thunder
during the evening.

1871-07-22

SATURDAY

Fine morning. The river falling
Rapidly. In office at 9¼ very little
Business. A report reached town that
the trains & beef cattle that came overland
from Stewarts Lake had arrived at the head
of Germansen Cr. Got back to Camp
at 3- Mashell went down the river
& returned soon with two splendid trout
that weighed about 11 lbs - sent one
to Dunlevey.

1871-07-23

SUNDAY

Mashell got a large beaver, & two trout
& later in the day he shot at black
bear. - Nearly all of which he
disposed of at a high figure.
Remained in camp all day, read
& wrote to Carry. Calbraith came over
in the evening & stayed a couple of
hours.

Got a good plate full of radishes
from the garden

1871-07-24

MONDAY

Fine day millions of mosquitoes
In office at 10- very quiet day.
Barnes Pool Robin McQueen &c &c
arrived in town with pack animals
& beef Cattle which came in over the
new route. All of whom give a
most favourable report of the country
to make a trail over, good feed the whole
way no mountains & but few swamps

or rivers to be cut - home at 6½
worked in the garden for a couple of
hours.

1871-07-25

TUESDAY

Stopped to talk with a number
of people & did not get to office
till 10½. Had another conversation
with the men who came over the road
from Ft St James. Great day in
office home at 5 PM

Graham came over fr an hour,
Mashell dissatisfied at the rate of
remuneration he receives.

1871-07-26

WEDNESDAY

Musquitoes unbearable. In office
at 9½, very little doing. - Did not
get home till 6½

Tried to work in the garden
but was driven back by the
mosquitoes.

1871-07-27

THURSDAY

The hottest day we have had
Thermometer 85 in shade.
In office at 9- very little
Doing. Walked up the hill with
D. McMartin to examine the
line of trail. Home at 6- PM
My tent black with mosquitoes

1871-07-28

FRIDAY

Spintlum Indian, arrive with
some bread fr Ah Loy. Told Mashell to
give him breakfast - on my way home
met a man who told me that a
drunken Indian was at my tent.
Mashell told me that Spintlum's Tum
Tum was sick, in consequence of hearing
bad news from Lytton. Spoke to Wiley the
gardener who said Spintlum had been very
drunk, & that he & Mashell had been down
at his garden that Mashell said Spintlum
had bought the liquor from Town. Spoke
to Mashell about it, & he said that Spintlum
had had the whiskey concealed in the woods.

I cautioned him but he told no end of lies. If I could get any one to take his place I would discharge him at once.

1871-07-29 *

SUNDAY

In office at 10- Harper arrived in 3½ days fr Ft St James - & informed me that G B Wright had obtained a charter for the trail fr Quesnelle to Germansen Cr with the right to all existing trails - to charge ¾ cts per lb on all goods over 70 ft wide - Brought Spintlum down & Graham as interpreter, in re the occurrence of yesterday, Spintlum says that Mashell gave him the whiskey in a pint measure out of my tent & drank half himself. - Mashell said that he gave Spintlum whisky, that he had in an cast powder box which had been given to him by a white man, three different stories.

1871-07-30

SUNDAY

Very hot day. Express left via the new trail at 4 PM - Sent off No 14 - Report to Pearse about the new trail, enclosed Barnes Diary, & Petition, with private letter - wrote to Pooley, in re deceased packing affair, & G Siceros statement, wrote also to Trevor & Fitzgerald. -

1871-07-31

MONDAY

Up at 4 intending to make an early start for Manson River, but I had engaged from Graham could not be found, walked to the office at 9- the horse arrived at 2- when I started taking only Tom to carry the books & my blankets, arrived found the trail very rough, arrived at Elenore Gulch (Black Jack at 7- left the horse in charge of Jas Tafandale & walked down Manson River to the discovery where I met Calbraith, Barker, Howell, Orr - had some supper, spread my blankets, & slept in the open air

AUGUST

1871-08-01

TUESDAY

Up at 4 - very hot day, but no mosquitoes Walked down the Creek with Baker, & had a chat with all the claim owners - who I found in good spirits & sanguine of success - every indication of gold, slate rock. Peterson struck a good prospect on the 3rd beach behind the discovery - \$1-25 - to the pan Employed Howell to act as special constable to direct J. A. Cameron on a charge of having brutally beaten a Chinaman named Chin Horn, Bound him over to appear when called on, himself \$1000- & two sureties \$500 each. Viz [left blank] Layed out a town site on Manson River - a little above the mouth of Elenore Gulch on the opposite side of Manson River. Harper arrived fr Germansen Cr issued a number of F.M.C. & Licences

1871-08-02

WEDNESDAY

Up at 4 - very cold night, recorded some claims, got the horse in & left at 7- AM for Germansen Cr where I arrived at 1½ Remained in Camp office till 5- & got to Camp at 6- no express - no news of John

1871-08-03

THURSDAY

Very hot day. Thermometer 89 in shade Walked up the Creek from the drift pile & settled some disputes about bucking water &c. Did not get away fr. office till 6. P.M. Mosquitoes very troublesome, had my tent smoked out 4 times

1871-08-04

FRIDAY

In office at 10½ - very little business, returned at 4- & brought Mr Page with me, who with whose assistance I counted the cash, & found all correct. Mashell went down the river & caught 4 nice trout

1871-08-05

SATURDAY

Close sultry night, the mosquitoes more numerous & more vicious than than at any previous time, obliged to get up, & smoke them out of the tent. In office at 10- busy day. Two men Viz Henry Hopman & Chas Noon charged by the Downs company, with stealing over 2 oz Gold dust fr the claim. Lyons & six others arrived fr Giscome portage in 14 days - report many difficulties on the route No letter fr John, though he was there, but about to start for Victoria Grant left in charge of the work

1871-08-06

SUNDAY

Close sultry day - read, & wrote some letters. Almost driven mad by the musquitoes

1871-08-07

MONDAY

Heard the complaint against Henry Hopman & Chas Noon - charged by George Kenney Down's Co with stealing 2 oz of Gold dust fr their claim A pair of impudent rascals. Kenney withdrew complaint bound the scoundrels over to keep the peace. - Heard some other cases of trouble among the Indians. Rained for about an hour
Finished my letter to Tommy Ellis
Wrote to H. P. Walker.

1871-08-08

TUESDAY

Up at 4- Graham could not find his horse till 7- started at 8- for Manson River - with an Indian to pack my blankets - arrived at 1- P.M.
Heard the case of Chin Hoon & A J Company for assault - fined \$25- - & made him pay \$50 to the Chinaman besides the expense of Interpreter \$16- making in all \$91- - Made arrangements to visit the skeletons supposed to be those of 4 white men

1871-08-09

WEDNESDAY

Up at 3- started at ¼ 6- with Calbraith Barker, Morrison, Reid, Evans & another reached

Ross Cr at 9- distance about 5 miles examined the ground & the bones but were unable to determine whether they were human or not as they were burned almost to ashes. Returned at 7½ to Germansen Cr. Found that A. R. Brown had arrived to assume the duties of Constable he brought a letter fr Fitzgerald, & a report that Joe had been appointed Lieut Governor.

1871-08-10

THURSDAY

Cold night, [but] the mosquitoes came out [in] time. In office 10 Brown in attendance. Very little doing in office. A large quantity of freight arrived fr [Stirling].

1871-08-11

FRIDAY

Slight frost - the first we have had very cold night, but the vegetables dont appear to be touched. In office at 10½ - very little doing. Walked up the Creek to the [Camosun]. The [Enterprise] Co commencing to pack in the [flume] No inducement to go to Camp the mosquitoes [are] so troublesome.

1871-08-12

SATURDAY

Cold rain morning, but the sun came out at 11- very warm, in office at 10½ & [illegible words] was busy on Saturday & could not get away till 5- - Mashell very unsatisfactory - have no doubt that he had made away with my stores, as I find they are all run out, even the sugar of which I had a supply for the season. - Read Express man ? arrived no letters except one fr Woodcock, no late papers all having been left behind at Skeena

1871-08-13

SUNDAY

The tops of the mountains capped with snow, which however soon disappeared Sylvesters Express arrived, Received a budget of letters - 2 fr. Crease, 1- Ball, 1 Bushby 1 Ward
1 Ker with official as to closing accts to 19th

July, & 4 ft. Carry Viz Nos 9, 10, 11, 12 & my envelope containing enclosures, also one fr Mother. Heard of J.W.T's appointment as Lieut Gov. Wrote a number of letters

1871-08-14
MONDAY

Very busy day in office. Postponed the C. C. till Thursday next on acct of the express being in. Walked up the Creek to settle dispute between the Dancing [Bell] Co & French Flume Co Did not get back till 7- P.M. much to my disgust as I have so much to write about. Purchased a nugget taken fr Kildare Cr worth 5- oz \$5- & 75 cts. = \$85-75.

1871-08-15
TUESDAY

Cold night & morning, the mosquitoes getting [illegible] - [illegible], & wrote a number of letters. In office at 10- busy day, did not get back to Camp till 6- P.M.

1871-08-16
WEDNESDAY

Cold raw day. In office at 9½ & did not get back till 5½ Mashell cut my hair, had just finished dinner when Fitzgerald & Dr Carroll arrived. Put up chatting till 11- & consequently lost the evening which I intended to have devoted to writing. The Doctor took up his quarters with me & Cooly invited himself to stay & particularly to engage a seat in my canoe when going down in the fall.

1871-08-17
THURSDAY

Slight head ache - in office till 4-. Made up & dispatched my letters - to be ready for Sylvester express tomorrow - Viz No 15 with enclosures for Mother & Joe, White also to Crease Bushby Ball Ker Ward Pemberton, Dewdney with an enclosure fr Dunlevey, H. P. Walker

1871-08-18
FRIDAY

Sylvester started for Quesnelle carrying the 1st mail of the season

1871-08-19
SATURDAY

Went to town with Fitzgerald & Dr Carroll, remained in office till 2- Walked down the Creek with Fitzgerald to settle some mining disputes, & did not get to Camp till 5- - the Doctor turned up immediately after. Rained heavily. Cold raw evening Mashell returned after a days hunt with a bear & 4 grouse

1871-08-20
SUNDAY

The mountains covered with snow very cold morning. The Doctor evidently a little frightened at the prospect of an early winter, he took his departure for town at 1- P.M. intending to hang out at Dunlevey's. Brown (Constable) returned fr Mansin River & reminded me that a County Court case had been set for tomorrow consequently I could not go to Manson River as I had intended.

1871-08-21
MONDAY

In office at 10-. Cold morning more snow on mountains, bright clear day, - heard a case in the G. C. Court. - Made up accounts to 19th July with Fitzgerald & not Page

1871-08-22
TUESDAY

Held Court of Revision at Omineca under the qualification & Registration of voters act. No objections entered. Settled with Fitzgerald in full on acct of Collections & expenditures ~~while absent on duty~~ to 31st July - Paid him salary & allowance to 31st July in all \$65-63.

1871-08-23

WEDNESDAY

Up at 3½ - Started with Fitzgerald at 4¾ on horseback for Manson River beautiful trail heavy in consequence of some rain that fell during the night reached the town at 10¾ - Met Dunlevey & Dr Carroll just about to start for Omineca Walked down the Cr to W. of Slate Cr rained heavily, things not looking as cheery as on my last visit. Started at 4- & did not get to Camp till 9½

1871-08-24

THURSDAY

Settled with Fitzgerald in full to 31st Augst in advance for salary - expenditures &c including Rents of office at Omineca & Tatlah Viz \$469-16.

1871-08-25

FRIDAY

Hard Frost ice on water ⅛ inch in thickness In office at 10- very slack day. - Got back to Camp at 4- wrote some letters. No express.

1871-08-26

SATURDAY

Did not go to the office - remained in Camp & packed my traps & wrote letters. - Paid off all the salaries except my own to 31st Augst & all expenditures. - I counted the cash with Fitzgerald Bal of Rev in hand to 19th July \$1889.71.

Do ————— 26th Augst \$1436 78-
\$3326.49

Surplus of dust in bag No [left blank] \$246.51 - It is estimated that for the week ending 26 Augst there were 600 oz of gold dust taken out of Germansen Cr between the Town & the drift pile near the mouth

1871-08-27

SUNDAY

Hard frost ice formed on the water round the Camp. S.E. wind. Heavy rain during the day. Read & wrote letters. Sylvester Messenger, Brick, arrived with Mail & Express. Recd Nos 13, 14 & 15- with enclosure for Tom for N York. Recd also

a circular from Ward with statement of accts No officials.

1871-08-28

MONDAY

Up at 4- wrote a number of letters & sent them by [deletion] Graham to the R. D. sent off No 16-. Recd for Graham \$500- in dust which I had lent him. Packed up all my traps, & started in a canoe for Tatlah with Fitzgerald, Billy Mashell & Azat. At Curry Cr wanted my gun, & found it wet. Mashell very cheeky - camped at 6½ - having only made 15 miles.

1871-08-29

TUESDAY

Started at ¼ 6. Beautiful morning, met Ireland on a raft with Express, Recd No 2-, extra, with also an application for Cunningham for a spirit licence at Skeena Mouth. Lay over for 2 hours heavy rain, reached the landing at 5½ - a most miserable hole - met some packers who were loud in their complaints about the Trail.

1871-08-30

WEDNESDAY

Dispatched an Indian at 3- AM to hunt up Sylvesters horse, but the brute could not be found, to my intense disgust - left some of our traps, & started at ¼ 8- the Indians heavily packed, lunched at Silver Cr 9 miles from the Landing - about [left blank] miles further Crossed Fall river. = Camped at 6- PM - having made about 20 miles. Had a very refreshing bath in full river.

1871-08-31

THURSDAY

Fitzgerald started at 4- to overtake & train & get a horse to pack our traps at the Indians had nearly given out. - Started with the packs at 5½ - & [came] up to Fitzgerald about 8 miles from Camp where he had engaged a horse for Wm Welch, Met Mr Chas Wright with a pack load of goods en route for Omineca

Met Mr Daltons train bound fr Tatlah, he insisted on my riding one of his horses, trail very bad particularly following up the Lake (Fall) Camped at the head of the lake distance travelled [*deletion*] 19- miles [*overwritten text*]
Sent Billy on to Tatlah to detain the steamer should it happen to be there

SEPTEMBER

1871-09-01

FRIDAY

Engaged 2 horses to pack our traps, ery hard frost, the trail crisp & ice formed on the pools. Started at 5- with Fitzgerald & left Mashell & Azat to follow with the horses, trail very bad to the summit, 4 miles fr there to Tatlah 11- miles it is tolerably good reached Tatlah at 9½ - distance fr Camp 15- miles. - No steamer this week, but she is hourly expected.

1871-09-02

SATURDAY

No steamer. Laid in supplies for 5 days & started in Canoe fr Stewarts Lake with Fitzgerald, Mashell & Azat. Lovely day Lake perfectly calm. Red Bluff - 7 miles fr Tatlah. Camped at 1- P.M. for lounch Caught 3 trout which weighed 20½ lbs. Fair wind ran before it till 7¾ - distance about 30 miles - camped on the west bank of lake.

1871-09-03

SUNDAY

Up at 4- started at 6- slight head wind reached the Forks of Tatlah L. 40 miles fr the Landing at 9- - fair wind [NW] of Middle R. at 11½ - 10 miles fr Forks of Lake. Lounched & [*illegible words*] Middle River, a slow sluggish stream till 6½ - camped. Killed 5 trout which weighed 12 lbs. - I saw a bear but did not get a shot. - The length of Middle river is estimated at 25 miles Met 2 [*illegible*] [*with Indian*] [*illegible*]

1871-09-04

MONDAY

Reached Trembleur or Tremblies Lake at 10½ heavy swell crossed in 1¼ - distance 4 miles Camped blowing a gale, lay over for 2- hours Entered the Tatche river at 2- P.M. - found the Enterprise tied up above the grand rapid. G.B.W. said to be ill at Babine went on board for a few minutes. Indian Chief not at home on Tatche river, camped at Wrights shod [*illegible*] his horses. Fitzgerald out of sorts.
Length of Tatche River 18 miles

1871-09-05

TUESDAY

Fine morning started at 5½ - reached Stewarts Lake at 7- found Moors boat tied up - Indians all away from [Village] at the mouth of Tatchie River. Laid out Indian Reserve at Pinchie. Lounched & started for Ft St James, but it came on to blow so hard - head wind that we were obliged to camp about 10 miles fr. the Fort.

1871-09-06

WEDNESDAY

Up at 4- Blowing a gale fr the west a perfect sea on the lake - could not start till 1½ - a number of canoes arrived, lake very rough took in a quantity of water & were obliged to put on shore arrived at Ft St James at 4- pitched camp & afterwards called at the Fort Such a din cramed with Indians & whites [*illegible*]. Hamilton very kind & pressed us to dine - returned to Camp & turned in at 9½ - Down Express in but no letters for me.

[*overwritten text*]

G B Wright [*illegible*]

recd letter from

[Dunlevey] dated 6th

Augst [*illegible words*]

[*illegible words*]

1871-09-07

THURSDAY

Up at day light - wrote some letters Sylvester arrived at 8- Recd Telegram from Joe in re Courts of [revision] & official

fr Good - also one from Palmer fr
Tommy announcing his arrival at Fecarry
& No 18- Extra & No 19- No 16 & 17 missing
wrote to Joe, Good, Dewdney & No 17- to
dear Carry. - Laid off Indian Reserve.
Lunched at the Fort, paid Mr Moffat a
Visit. G.B.W. dined with me - wrote
him a reply to his letter in re trail fr
Babine to Trembleur Lake

1871-09-08

FRIDAY

Paid off Azat \$72- & H.B. bill \$29-.
Gave Fitzgerald \$2700- to buy gold dust
with at the Creek - consisting of notes \$2.20
& coin \$500. - Started for Babine at 11-
Lake beautiful calm. Lunched below the
Pinchie Village. G. B Wright just arrived in
time. Finished marking off the Indian
reserve at Pinchie. A hard rain sprang
up, against which we made but little way, got
on board Hickeys boats & camped with him
on an Island about 12 miles below Tatchie river

1871-09-09

SATURDAY

Got off at 5- in Hickeys boats - fair wind heavy rain
reached Tatchie river at 6½ - got into my
canoe, & parted company with Fitzgerald Wright &c
& proceeded on my way to head of Stewart Lake. Met
Father Lejacque at the Indian Village, who
assisted me to get Indians. "Teloss" having refused
engaged two - to take me to head of lake when
I arrived at 12- & found Moors pack train just
about to start for Babine. Lunched & after a
small walk arrived at Babine Lake at 7½
Camped at head of lake - beautiful night.
Engaged Watchman & Ecatan for the trip

1871-09-10

SUNDAY

Engaged a canoe & started at 6- lovely day
Lake as smooth as a duck pond. Caught
23 trout which would average 4 lbs each
& 1- 18¼ - our general course W.N.W.
The hills on the NW bank are low & open
in many places, & covered with wild hemp
of unusual length 5 to 6 ft in height which
looks very pretty at a distance. Those on the
South are somewhat higher & are covered
with a young growth of cotton wood & fir.
Camped at 6½ - having made about 35 miles

at Steps Plat

1871-09-11

MONDAY

Lovely day - started at 5½ - caught
15 trout all about the size of those I
killed yesterday - 6- black lake trout
& 9- beautiful brook trout - a light
fair wind for about an hour - made
about 40 miles.

1871-09-12

TUESDAY

Started at ¼ 6 - fine day - arrived
at the H. B. Cos post at 8- - did not land
as I learned that Mr Charles was absent.
Came on to blow, shipped a good deal of
water. Camped at 11- for lunch - when
the wind died away. Arrived at the
Landing at 6- having made 30 miles.
The total length of the Lake I estimate
at 105 miles. Found two stores in
course of erection - one for U Nelson the
other for Hutchison & Wallace.

1871-09-13

WEDNESDAY

Up at 4 - but did not get away till 7-
Nelson's brother accompanied me, reached
the summit at 10- O.C. 80 miles - the
ascent very good, ~~arrived~~ camped for lunch about
4 miles beyond the summit - at 11½ -
started again at 1- PM & travelled
till 6- camped on a small creek
about 25 or 26 miles fr the Landing
The trail to this point is barely fit
for packed animals to pass - the grade
are bad & a good deal of corduroy required.

1871-09-14

THURSDAY

Up at 3½, got away at 5½ - rained
heavily for till about 9- Camped at 11-
for dinner, the trail very unfinished in
many places, a good deal of corduroy
required, & the grades very bad.
Met Moor's train camped about 9 miles
fr. the town. Met Mr Thos Charles on
the trail fr whom I read 3 letters & fr, Charles
& Finlayson & 1- fr [L&W] - arrived at 5- met
Hankin with whom I dined.

1871-09-15

FRIDAY

Rained heavily during the night
Breakfasted with Hankin Delivered
letter with \$10 to Mitchell fr. Big Jack
Busy issuing licences & recording lots –
walked round the town site -
Bought fr Hankin an order on the
H.B.C. R. Finlayson fr. \$260.00
Wrote No 19 & enclosed the above
order also wrote to Charles
Very seedy all day - bad head
ache

1871-09-16

SATURDAY

Up at 5- head still very bad.
Cunningham & McKenzie left for the
Mouth. Busy in office till 1 P.M. Sent
the Indians on, & followed myself at 2½ -
felt weak & seedy, trail very heavy after the
recent rain. Camped under a large
cedar tree 11- miles fr Forks.
Have not forgotten that this is dear
Carry's birth day

1871-09-17

SUNDAY

J. P. Burgess' note to R. Elfort falls due
amt. \$115.00 =
Got off at 5½ reached the un-
-finished bridge over the [*left blank*]
river which I estimate at 20 miles fr the
Forks overtook Moors train, & was delayed
by him to settle some disputes about wage
overtook Charles & Floyd - stopped fr lounch
at a small bridge 25 miles fr Forks. Met Germansen
who informed me he had sold out, met also about
18 others fr the mines. Heavy rain camped at
5- 35 miles fr Forks Charles with me - Floyd beat off.

1871-09-18

MONDAY

Up at 4- started at 6- reached the summit
at 10- 9- miles fr our Camp, & 42 fr Forks
passed Moors son with pack horses, & arrived
at Babine at 12½ - 8 miles fr summit &
50 m fr Forks. Lounched, & accompanied by
Charles went down Babine river to lay out the
Indian Reserves between 7 & 8 miles
away - shot a duck & killed a fine trout
5 lbs weight. - Visited the fishing station

Zancane - is chief. Horrible filth -
camped 2 miles away fr the village.

1871-09-19

TUESDAY

Up at 4- Laid off the reserves including
both fisheries, - also a reserve fishing
station about 1 miles fr Lake, & then
Village at mouth of river - of which
Nayan is chief.
Reserved at Babine Landing for Govt
250 yard frontage x 100- Viz fr stake up stream
150- down 100 yards. - "Watchman" one of my
Indians wanted to remain, but I objected, killed
2- ducks to Widgeon & 1 Teal - 2 trout one of
which weighed [*left blank*] lbs. Beautiful day camped
at 6 PM

1871-09-20

WEDNESDAY

Up at 4- got off at 6- came on to blow a gale just
before we reached the H.B.Co port at
8- landed with difficulty, & got soaked, laid
off the Indian reserve - "Nastell" Chief.
Got a set of bears feet for "Tom". Took
possession of Mr Thos Charles'
house, which was clean & comfortable
Blowing hard all day
Recd specification & draft \$1500 fr Pearse
Via Skeena by special express - for which
I had to pay the modest sum of \$65-

1871-09-21

THURSDAY

The lake looks more like a sea
in a gale - blowing a gale through
out the night. About noon it
lulled, & we started at ¼ 1- PM keeping among
the islands & among the coast, but
could not make much way, passed
Hickeys boats with horses on board for
Babine portage, but the Indians would
not venture out to speak to them. Saw
a splendid black bear at which the
Indians fired 3 shots without injury to him
Camped at 6- blowing hard heavy rain

1871-09-22

FRIDAY

Up at 4- started at 5½- reached the
landing at Bay du Burin at 9- AM &
Wrights camp at 10- where we breakfasted.

Started again at 11- Met Grants Wrights men at work about a mile farther on trail well cut out so far as they have gone but will require a good deal of corduroy Killed 9 or 10 Grouse - if I had a dog I could have killed 4 times as many. Very easy line to make trail over & plenty of feed in places. Camped at 6- having travelled 20 miles.

1871-09-23
SATURDAY

Left camp at 6- - cold night hard frost reached lake at 7- along which for 2 miles the trail was very bad - no work having been done upon it. Reached foot of lake at 9- O.C. where the trail was good - mostly through thinly timbered grassy country reached the Landing at Trembleur Lake at 9½- - Total length of portage 26 miles = After a good deal of hunting & delay - Mashell found a canoe in which we started at 4 P.M. lake smooth - ran down 12 miles - camped.

[*overwritten text*]
Killed 2 fine trout about 4½ lbs each
Hooked a 10 [pound] which [*illegible words*] the [hooks] of my [spin] [bait]

1871-09-24
SUNDAY

Left camp ¼ 6- slight head wind - reached the foot of Trembleur Lake at 9- - the length of which I estimate at 22 miles - & the steamer Enterprise at 10¼- where we breakfasted - started again at 12- intending to mark off Indian reserve at the rapids, but the Indians were again absent, met Wrights boat at the lower rapid in difficulty Camped with him, & from whom I got a budget of letters, one fr Ker, Walker Bushby, one fr Dewdney

1871-09-25
MONDAY

Did not get away till 7- - reached the mt of Tatchie River at 8. - Indians all away fishing. Commenced to rain heavily, stopped at 11- for lunch & about 12 the rain ceased

& we had a fair wind to Pinchie - by hard work reached the Fort at 7- where I found Moffat & the Expressman "Buck". Got my letters Authority to expend \$2000 in repair of trail, - & Nos 20. & 21. & 1. fr Joe Returned to my camp at small creek & read my letters.

1871-09-26
TUESDAY

Fine day. Wrote letters in Moffats office No 19- - one to Joe, Ker Bushby Ball Pearse, Charles Trevor. Engaged Wm Hemsworth as foreman on trail at \$125 pr month, & 3 others at \$90 per month without board also an Indian at \$40- & board. Dined with Moffat & wife After which I weighed the Gold Dust Viz No 1- bag - Lost Cr \$1244.

No 2- " 1494.50. besides
2738.50

some private specimens.

1871-09-27
WEDNESDAY

Paid off my Indians - Wrights Engineer "Jake" arrived en route to Quesnelle by water by whom I sent off my letters. - Started at 8½ with the men to work on trail - For the 6 first miles there is but little to be done 12 miles light chopping & about 4 side hill grading. Met Quagliotte with whom Hemsworth had a settlement Camped on 21 mile prairie where there is plenty of feed.

1871-09-28
THURSDAY

Fine morning - Left Camp at ¼ 7. Met 4 pack trains returning & about 15 miners - The trail fr Camp to "Look Mountains 30 miles fr Ft St James is very winding - reached the summit at 9½ 10½ - where I left Hemsworth to commence work. From the this point for a distance of 10 miles the trail is heavily covered with fallen timber, recent fires. Camped at 3- in a down pour of rain, no feed, obliged to cut swamp grass for the horses - miserable camp - distance 41 miles fr Ft St James

1871-09-29

FRIDAY

Left Camp at 6- trail very bad a great many logs to be cut out & swamps to be corduroyed Sent back the white pinto to H.B.C. by an Indian Passed 8 miners with packed horses en route to the mines. Camped for two hours for feed. - Passed a number of miners going out. Pack horse fell off a bridge & wet all my icktas - delayed an hour - about 6 miles of good trail Camped with Penny at 5½ - having travelled 20 miles - 61 m fr Fort.

1871-09-30

SATURDAY

Rained heavily all night & morning, got the horses shod but could not start till 11. Passed Hutchisons train loaded with flower for the miners - met two large trains returning - also Walker & Bows of Hope trail very bad - line too low. Walked very fast raining nearly all the way. Arrived at Nation River at ¼ 6 - where G. Ruxton has built a home - distance 20 miles distance 81- miles fr the Fort H.B.C. My cold very troublesome

OCTOBER

1871-10-01

SUNDAY

Cold raw day. Started at 7. The horses forded the river - I went across in Ruxtons boat, the grade at leaving the lake is bad & rocky & a number of logs to be cut for 10 miles the trail is in a horrible state & will require a good deal of work passed 2 large pack trains [returning] rained heavily, passed about 17 mules & horses left to die on the road Camped on the edge of a swamp - pretty good feed - did not travel more than 15 miles

1871-10-02

MONDAY

Fine morning - my cold & cough very troublesome through the night. Started at 7- the train not as bad

as yesterday by a long way some rocks & boulders to be removed & more or less timber to be chopped out the [*illegible*] way, the general direction very crooked Camped for an hour to feed the Horses. Crossed the mountains at 4½ - when I met Bomand on his way Out. Camped at 5- - having travelled about 18 miles

1871-10-03

TUESDAY

Six inches of snow, & still falling heavily - started at 8- trail generally good, but some places that require corduroy - reached Kildare Gulch at 11- O.C. 8 miles fr. Camp - had a cup of tea with Carson & Lethbridge & went on, very heavy rain - reached the town Omineca at 4½ - 22 miles fr Camp, & fr Nation River 55 m Total fr H.B. Ft St James 136 Found Fitzgerald all right

1871-10-04

WEDNESDAY

My cold still very bad - went to office & heard some cases in the G. C. Court. Wrote No 20 & sent it by Sylvesters man "Buck"

1871-10-05

THURSDAY

Paid off all the salaries. Checked the accts & recd the balance of Reven[ue] from Fitzgerald Brown Constable arrived fr Manson River.

1871-10-06

FRIDAY

Very ill during the night could not get warm - cough troublesome. Held County Court Grant on acct of Giscome portage road \$743.59. Got back to camp early very seedy. Mashell went out to set his traps & came back greatly excited having seen 3 Cariboo - fired at one, but did not kill it. Wrote to Tom & Mrs Ellis.

1871-10-07

SATURDAY

Fine morning. Fitzgerald went out to shoot fish & trap, great preparations for slaughter. In office till 3- Gave Gardiner \$60 advance on acct of trail. Engaged him as foreman at \$140 pr month, & 4 men at \$100 - without grub, an Indian at \$40 with grub.

Wrote to John

1871-10-08

SUNDAY

Hard frost, very cold. Remained in camp all day. Doctor Carroll came down in the evening & dined - walked half way to town with him. Fine night slight frost.

1871-10-09

MONDAY

Beautiful day - went to office at 11- Settled several disputes about wages.

Wrote to Mother, & Haynes & Dewdney

1871-10-10

TUESDAY

Hard frost. Engaged Tommy Indian to pack my blankets, started for Manson river from the office at 11³/₄ - & arrived at Dunkel at 4- Heard 2 cases in the Mining Court, & settled some disputes camped a short distance below the town. Dined at the Wake up Jake restaurant - very cold night Fitzstubs came to my tent & spent a couple of hours.

1871-10-11

WEDNESDAY

Walked down the creek at 7- & on to the Town of Howell where Denourion insisted on my breakfasting with him got back at 11- hired a horse & rode out on the trail to inspect Gardiners work, found they had

only commenced yesterday at noon & had finished about 2³/₄ miles, Harper & Barlow came to my tent to talk business

1871-10-12

THURSDAY

Heavy fall of snow - 5 inches deep Started for Omineca at 8- OC accompanied by Pinchbeck & [Brown] went round by Slate gulch & examined the claims in that neighbourhood. Mr Hall spoke to me in reference to a ditch which he is about to build to carry water fr the head of Germansen Cr to [Slate] Creek.

1871-10-13

FRIDAY

In office from 9- till 4¹/₂- held C. Court & had a busy day. Preparing accts for Treasury & Audit
A very stormy night, several trees blown down, calm towards morning when it commenced to freeze.

1871-10-14

SATURDAY

Everything frozen hard. In office at 9- A very busy day preparing the accts. Constable Brown arrived with Theakeston in charge. P. Toy & LeMont arrived from Ft St John with a canoe load of potatoes for which they ask 50 cts per lb.

1871-10-15

SUNDAY

Cold raw day. Took a short walk with Fitzgerald to Wiley's old garden. Wrote some letters Constable Brown came to inform me that the boat would not leave before Tuesday. - Rained heavily in the afternoon
Mining claims laid over from this date to 1st Jany/72.

1871-10-16

MONDAY

Hard frost. Met Constable Brown & Theakeston when on my way to office & to my annoyance found that the boat was about to start. Wrote a note to Pemberton & an Extra to Carry, & sent them by an Indian to overtake Brown. Rained heavily all the evening. About 30 miners left this morning for the lower country.

1871-10-17

TUESDAY

No Express. Hard frost in the morning which afterwards turned to rain - 17- men left today for Victoria via Skeena. Miserable cold day the trail 3 inches deep in slush. In office from 9- till 3 PM. squaring up the accts.

1871-10-18

WEDNESDAY

Frost in morning afterwards heavy rain. In office all day anxiously looking out for the Express Mashell caught 2 marten

1871-10-19

THURSDAY

Heavy fall of snow during the night. In office at 9½- & remained till 4- - rained heavily all the evening.

1871-10-20

FRIDAY

Held County Court at Omineca 9- cases entered, most of them were undefended. Rained heavily all day, got soaked through going back to Camp.

1871-10-21

SATURDAY

Rained heavily all night, the water in the Omineca rose about 2 feet. About 7- A.M. it commenced to snow, & by 10 AM we had 3 inches the trail very slushy. =

Sylvester arrived at last. Recd Nos 22 & 23. Telegrams fr Joe, Good & Pearse. - Letter fr Begbie Vowell, & a number of officials

1871-10-22

SUNDAY

Hard frost, about 37 men left for the lower country. Fitzgerald went to the town I remained in Camp & wrote a number of letters.

1871-10-23

MONDAY

Sent off by Sylvester No 21 & one to H. P. Walker a whole budget. Paid him the amt due to date on his contract for carriage of mail. Paid Barlow \$186-83- for L.&W. Page went to Manson River to make up mail, & transact business of the office Snowed heavily all evening Mashell shot 2- wild geese.

1871-10-24

TUESDAY

About 3 inches of snow. Fitzgerald left in canoe with 2 Indians for Tatlah. In office from 11- to 3½. Snowed heavily

1871-10-25

WEDNESDAY

About 4 inches of snow on the ground. In office at 10- a little excitement about the prospects found on Germansen Cr near the upper discovery by Ralph, Keynton, J May & others. Page returned fr Manson Cr

1871-10-26

THURSDAY

Slight frost. Recd Express arrived at 10 AM. Recd No 3 Extra dated 11th Sept also one fr G. B. Wright, and one fr Jno dated Yale 10th Sept. In office at 11- very cold day, did not get back till 5-

Page came down & we worked at the accts till 9½.

1871-10-27

FRIDAY

Very hard frost - everything frozen County Court at 11-. Wrote to Joe & G. B. Wright, & sent them by Adler. Settled all Govt & private accts to 31st Octr with Page. Did not leave the office till 5- bitterly cold day evening - all the appearance of hard frost setting in.

1871-10-28

SATURDAY

The River covered with ice & everything frozen solid. Made up my mind at 4 AM to start, dispatched the Doctor [*illegible*] to town for Page, & commenced to pack. Sent Mashell to examine his traps & sent the Doctor with "icktas" for the office & for Mr Page Started in canoe at 1- P.M. with Mashell, the Doctor, & Tom. Found the river in many places frozen solid, & cut our way through with difficulty. Ferried about 40 miners across the river - camped at 6 P.M. in the dark but were fortunate in finding good dry wood. [*overwritten text*]
Recd from Mr Page
\$51 to send a P.O. order
to Scotland for £10-

1871-10-29

SUNDAY

Up at 4- got off at 6- hard frost, had to cut our way through the ice in many places which delayed us much. Met Fontain alone in his large boat en route to Germansen Cr but he [*couldnt*] get through. - Camped at 5- PM 4 miles below the landing.

1871-10-30

MONDAY

Got off at 6- reached the landing at 7½. Hid the canoe about 250 yds higher up on right bank. Started on foot at 10- but made slow progress owing to the weight of the packs - carried about 40

lbs lunched at 11. Crossed silver Bridge at 2 PM. Arrived at Fall River at 4- when I made camp. Mashell did not get in till 5½- & the other two Indians at 7- very dark night - heavy fall of snow.

1871-10-31

TUESDAY

Up at 4 - 7- inches of snow could not start till 6½ - hard work to break the trail - passed Lillooet Tom his brother & a Mexican packing a stove & trunk for McGinley to Manson River. Lunched at beaver dam, & were there passed by a number of miners. Camped at 3 miles fr bug Lake but Indians did not get in till 7½. Very hard frost - did not turn in till 10- bad fire, miserably cold.

NOVEMBER

1871-11-01

WEDNESDAY

Everything frozen - a number of miners passed during the night - did not get off till 7½ - went ahead of the two Indians with Mashell & reached Tatlah at 6- PM - pretty well used up having walked all day in moccasins my feet very sore. Fitzgerald had a good dinner prepared for me & a bottle of champagne to wash it down. The two Indians did not arrive. Turned in at 10½.

1871-11-02

THURSDAY

Up at 7½. - Mild warm morning the Doctor arrived with my blankets & informed me that Tom had fallen down & hurt his hip, & could not come on, sent the Doctor & Tommy back who agreed returned & said that Tom could not get in - Mr Tappage shot a Ptarmigan.

1871-11-03

FRIDAY

Rained heavily during the night. Dispatched the Indians again for Tom = Fitzgerald handed me

\$300 - to be paid to Pooley on
acct of the Estate of "Amorette".
Walked about the place
with Fitzgerald

1871-11-04
SATURDAY

The Indians returned with the
sick by Tom - who appeared more
frightened than hurt. Bought goat
fr Lovell for the party - Left for
Fort St James in Shepherds boat
with Fitzgerald, Mashell, William the
Doctor & Tommy - made good way
ran till 11½ made about 30 miles
Tied up at 11 - slept on board.

1871-11-05
SUNDAY

Started at 4- head wind, made
but slow way - reached the arm at
8 - 40 miles fr Tatlah where we
breakfasted - did not reach Middle
river till till 4- PM only 10 miles
farther. Caught one trout ¾
lbs - ran till 11½.

1871-11-06
MONDAY

Started at 6½. Crossed Trembleur
L. without difficulty, stopped for
breakfast at mouth of Tatchie
R. Met G. B. Wright the Morrison
Family & the Express in charge of Lewis
from whom I recd a budget of both
private, & official letters - Nos 24, 25, 26 & No 4
Extra. Promised Mr Wright to inspect his road over the
Trembleur portage. Camped at mt of Tatchie river
at 3- P.M. a gale blowing on Lake. Intended to mark
off the Reserve but could not as the Indians were absent

1871-11-07
TUESDAY

Up at 6- Lake too rough to start - the wind moderate &
we got under way at 9- A.M. but as the wind was still
ahead we made but slow way - at 11- the wind changed
and we went under full sail to the Fort which we reached
at 3½. Found a crowd including Fitzstubs, Dunlevey,
Barlow &c &c. Capt Travalotte arrived fr Cariboo with
Election papers for Fitzgerald. Learned to my intense
disappointment that my parcels of accts papers &c
had been left by Welsh at Nation River also that about
200- horses & mules had died on the way fr the mines.

Hamilton offered me a room which I declined preferring
to camp out. Nothing to be had at the Fort but flour.

1871-11-08
WEDNESDAY

Up early dispatched two Indians the Doctor &
Tommy to Nation River for my traps. Harper &
a number of miners arrived - settled with them
in full. Fitzgerald started for Germansen Cr
taking with him 3 & Billy Williams. Very
cold. Sent by Fitzgerald, to be posted, the
notices enclosed to me by Bacon, & also
as to Ferries.

1871-11-09
THURSDAY

Fine frosty day. Wrote No 22- & also one
to Ball & enclosed them to Trevor to be stamped
also sent him public notices calling for Tenders
for Ferries over the Stewarts, & Nechako Rivers
to be ported at Quesnelle & Soda Cr. H.B. boats
arrived fr Quesnelle - nothing on board except
flour. Fitzstubs ~~arrived~~ dined with me.

1871-11-10
FRIDAY

Blowing hard throughout the night. Hard
Frost Thermometer 9- below Zero.
My tent was blown down twice - bitterly
cold, bad fire - no good wood to be had.
Shepherds boat with one of the H B Cos
hired for the occasion started at 8 AM
with the whole crowd much to my
relief

1871-11-11
SATURDAY

Thermometer 12 below Zero - with a
piercing wind from the N.E. Found it
impossible to remain in camp - the fire was
so bad & smoked so much. Went to Moffatts office
& worked at my accts, & arranged the
papers &c relating to the will of the late
Mr Ogden in company with Hamilton &
Moffatt. - The lake beginning to freeze
over - the sleigh & oxen passed over the ice
with a load of cord wood.

1871-11-12
SUNDAY

Thermometer 17- below Zero.
About two miles of the lake frozen. N.E.

wind - intensely cold. Everything frozen the most miserable week I have ever spent in camp. No wood, & nothing to be had at the Fort but Flour, Pemican, & dried salmon.

1871-11-13
MONDAY

Thermometer 16- below Zero - with a cold piercing wind fr. the N.E. Settled private & public accts. with Hamilton - paid him \$132.45- as also \$17- the amt. of order drawn by Hemsworth also bought exchanged \$150- in dust for notes - paid \$95- for G. Ruxton & took receipt which I enclosed to Ruxton. Anxiously & impatiently waiting the return of the Indians from Nation River.

1871-11-14
TUESDAY

Thermometer 11- below Zero - slight fall of snow. Cash in hand
Notes \$263-
G. Coin 37.50
Silver 10.00
300.50

Wrote to Fitzgerald & enclosed him Ah Loys receipt for \$20 to retain for me.

1871-11-15
WEDNESDAY

Thermometer 6- below Zero - Five men arrived who informed me that the Indians could not get in before tomorrow night very comforting? Asked Hamilton for 15 lbs of beef, & he sent me 39 lbs for which I paid 30 cts pr lb. Returned to my camp as usual about 4 P.M The Doctor & Tommy returned at 10 PM much to my relief - went to the Fort to arrange about an early start tomorrow. Fitzgerald sent me 15 grouse. - Dalton & his party after 4 days labour of about 20 men abandoned the idea of taking the scow to Pinchey.

1871-11-26
THURSDAY

Up at 4- A.M. - Thermo 11- below Zero. N.E. wind intensively cold - went to Fort to hunt up my Indians. Wrote a short note to dear Carry No 23 which I gave to young Burr, enclosed to Trevor. Started in H.B. skiff at 10- with 4 Indians besides Mashell - have great fuss about

being able to proceed tomorrow as already the water is almost covered with ice, snowing heavily all day. Camped at 4- P.M. about 6- miles about Pinchey.

1871-11-17
FRIDAY

Up at 12- found our boat frozen in & with difficulty got her afloat - started at 1- AM in about 4 miles met with ice which we cleared with difficulty - then crossed the Lake, & tried to land but were prevented by the wind & ice which had formed on the shore, returned with difficulty against a strong head wind & camped on an island till day light when we again crossed & tried to effect a landing drifted with the ice at 8 AM & did not get to land, about 200 yds distant till 12¼ where we drew the skiff ashore & left her, & then proceeded on foot along the edge of the lake & in the brush camped at 4½, distance about 14 miles.

1871-11-18
SATURDAY

Heavy fall of snow 10 inches deep. Did not get away till 8- O.C. & then followed the edge of the lake as we did yesterday - at 11½ found the lake clear of ice & were fortunate enough to be able to engage a canoe - Met Mr Thos Charles en route to Ft St James 10 days fr his post on Babine he signed some papers which I witnessed with [note] made on the spot, & he returned with me, ran a number of the Cos horses in a dying state & thin goods strewed along the shore of the lake Engaged Capt John to go to G B Wright with a letter - paid him \$10 - reached head of lake at 3- & camped about 2 miles farther on at 4¾.

1871-11-19
SUNDAY

Mild soft morning - started at 6- passed a number of Indians camped at "Nandesie Lake" half way to Babine. Reached Babine at 10½ - a very heavy walk through a foot of snow, Started in Charles canoe at 12 noon having first paid off my Indians Mashell (Sickany) & Jackman Ft St James Fair wind. Saw a deer which we at first thought was a Cariboo. Mashell went in pursuit & in ½ hour returned with 2 splendid young bucks (white tails) Camped at 4- about 10 miles fr head of lake & feasted on venison. Snowing heavily

1871-11-20

MONDAY

Started at 2- AM - clear fine morning - fair wind sprang up at 5- lasted till 7½ stopped at 10 for breakfast at step Plot 35 miles fr head of lake - started again at 11¼. - the wind was fair for a short time, when it turned & we had a hard pull for the remainder of the evening. Camped at 5- in the Bay de Bourne where we tried to find G B Wright but failed rained heavily all drenched.

1871-11-21

TUESDAY

During the night some 2 Indians attracted by our fire came to camp. Up at 4- but could not start till 7- went back towards the landing & met Mr Wright & his men in 2 canoes, started fm H. B. store under a fair wind at 8- - stopped at noon for dinner reached the H. B. store at 4¾ in a dense fog, encountered a large quantity of ice, & learned fr the Indians, to our horror that the lake was frozen. Charles made us very welcome & as comfortable as he could. Paid for supplies \$17.50. Canoe hire \$4- for mending moccasins \$1-00

1871-11-22

WEDNESDAY

Up at 1- AM - got off at 2- Wright & his party in my canoe & his road party in another When about 4 miles fr Fort we met with ice which took us 4 hours to cut through 1½ mile - then tried to drag the canoes, but the men fell through the ice so often that we were obliged to abandon the larger canoe, & then the smaller one make up our packs & get on as best we could following the shores of the lakes, heavy fall of snow Camped at 5- all tired & very miserable

1871-11-23

THURSDAY

Up at 2- started at 4- broke the trail in company with Wright till 11- heavy work ice soft & unsafe - fell through to my waist three times, reached the 10 mile point above the fishery at 10½ - from there we had to wade through the water at edge of lake for several miles - were fortunate enough to meet a canoe in which I engaged & in it reached the fishery at 3½ P.M. sent back 4 canoes for the rest of the party. - At the fishery there were about a dozen men waiting to go to the Skeena

but did not like to start as no one had been over the trail for 7- or 8- days. - Held court & committed "Chaney" to Jail for 6 months with H. L. for stealing a sack of flour from Mr Nelsons store, there was an attempt at a rescue, upon which I swore in 2 special Constables to take charge of the prisoner & moved out 2½ miles where we camped.

1871-11-24

FRIDAY

Thermo 10- below Zero

Most of the party remained up throughout the night fearing an attempt of rescue by the Indians a number of whom prowled about the camp all the night. Got all the packs off at 7½- & started leaving Wright, Hickey &c to follow & broke the trail alone to the summit - 7- miles through 3½ feet of snow, from this point we took it turn about for the rest of the day - stopped at 11- for lounch. Camped at 5- 14 miles - very bad fire wood everything frozen.

1871-11-25

SATURDAY

On 22nd Octr wrote to Carry to say I expected to be at Skeena mt between the 25th Nov & 1st Decr. = Thermo 23. Below Zero. Started at 7- Hickey, Wright & self broke the trail all day - the miners having fallen behind, - at 12½ the Thermo stood 6 below Zero with a piercing N.E. wind - got my nose slightly frozen. Crossed the Westengua River on the remains of Nelsons bridge at 7- P.M. & camped 2 miles farther on - some of the men did not get in till 9- P.M. but I am determined if possible to reach the mouth of the Skeena by the 1st Decr. Billy, Wrights Indian very cheeky. The snow today averaged [3ft-6in]

1871-11-26 *

SUNDAY

Thermometer 9- below Zero. Could not sleep, up at 2- started at 4- bright clear moonlight. When we had travelled about 9- miles one of the special constables Dan [*left blank*] came running up to say the prisoner "Chaney" had escaped. Reached Hazelton at 11½ & to my horror & disappointment found the Skeena frozen in places, & the river full of floating ice. By the advice of McKenzie I made up my mind to go by way of the Naass River to the Coast, & having had enough of the company of Messrs Hickey & Myles I laid in my own supplies separately - 12 days - though we were assured we could reach Fort Simpson in 6 days. Had a good deal of difficulty in arranging with the

Indians for the trip to the Naass. - Report reached us that 2 white men had been drowned in the Skeena Dined & slept at Cunningham & Hankins McKenzie & Crote in charge. Wrote to Charles at Babine, & to Fitzgerald with reference to the escape of "Chaney."

1871-11-27

MONDAY

Up at 4. Very cold night every appearance of the river closing. Had much difficulty in mastering the Indians. Paid McKenzie in full - left some of my traps in his charge to be forwarded in the spring Viz - 1- Pr of laced boots - 1- Pr cloth do. 1- bag of Gun wads & cartridges - 1- Landing net - 1- Fly Book - 2 fishing reels & lines - 1- spoon bait. Crossed the Skeena River at 10- & proceeded on our journey down the opposite bank, partly on the ice & scrambling over boulders. Wright came up about 3-. Camped at 4½ - having only made about 11 miles.

1871-11-28

TUESDAY

Thermometer 11- below Zero. A large quantity of ice came down the river carrying everything before it, & making a tremendous noise. Left camp at 7½ followed the bank of the river for about 1½ mile when we diverged to the right & passed on some rowling open country with an appearance of grass - snow a foot 16 inches deep. Could not get the Indians to keep up though the packs were light & the trail tolerably good. Camped at 4½ - having travelled about 19 miles.

1871-11-29

WEDNESDAY

Did not get off till 8- followed the same course N.W. for about 4 miles when we crossed the river called [*left blank*] on a log & recrossed it again about 1 mile farther on this latter crossing we accomplished with great difficulty by throwing sticks & brush on the ice & reached the Village of "Kitwincool" "Amnahealt" chief - traded some tobacco for dried salmon - here I engaged 2 fresh Indians ~~& paid off them from the Forks~~, went on about 2 miles & camped at 3- having only travelled boat 13 miles

1871-11-30

THURSDAY

Up at 5- started at 7½ having first settled with my Skeena Indians, my share paid by Wright being \$8-. Heavy fall of snow during the night made but little way, the men could not travel owing to the keen wind & intense cold 4 miles fr Camp came to Lake Amgenitilco which is 5 miles in length - in crossing which I fell through - this has been the coldest day I ever remember with a gale fr. the North all camped at ¼ 3 - having made about 10 miles My Indian "Chiconen" tried to desert.

DECEMBER

1871-12-01

FRIDAY

[no entry]

1871-12-02

SATURDAY

[no entry]

1871-12-03

SUNDAY

[no entry]

1871-12-04

MONDAY

[no entry]

1871-12-05

TUESDAY

[no entry]

1871-12-06

WEDNESDAY

snow 4 feet 10 inches deep

Left camp at 8- three Indians on snow shoes without packs, Wright & Hickey following at their ease, the rest of the party struggling on as best they could, at 12 OC found we had less than one mile, & were all used up, made a fire & all set to work to make show shoes of brush - slabs & anything they could think of - at 2½ & got underway again & scrambled along till 8- P.M., having accomplished about 5 miles Mr Wright & his sattelites proposed to send on the Indians for grub & to remain in camp tomorrow - a proposition I rejected, not being able to see the benefit of such an arrangement & being most anxious not to lose a chance of catching the steamer

1871-12-07

THURSDAY

The men sat up nearly the whole night making snow shoes, Wright started 3 men for provisions at 8 O.C. & my party got off at 9, the snow was softer & heavier than on any previous day, & we got on very slowly. I pushed on as fast as I could & reached the Naass river at 1½ - which I crossed on the ice & followed down the right bank for about 1½ mile to the Village of "Kittlelamks"- "Muskaboo" chief who having heard that I was coming met me & invited us to his house & entertained us on salmon & potatoes. Learned that the river was not open & that it would take me 4 days to reach the mission (Mr Tomlisons) the men all arrived in good time except the "Skookum man for whom I dispatched 2 Indians & snow shoes. Engaged 7- men to pack for me till I could get a canoe, then were provided by the chief. Bought at the store of Jno Collens = (kept by an Indian) Flour & molasses - a few potatoes & dried salmon - snowing heavily all the evening.

1871-12-08

FRIDAY

Spent my first night in an Indian house, slept well, notwithstanding the smell of salmon. Muskaboo made me very comfortable. Eight inches of snow fell during the night. The Skookum man not yet in to my great disappointment. Started 4 men in to break the trail, and worked till 2- PM when I went on leaving Tommy to bring on the Portmanteau. Found the trail heavy & sloppy. Mashell fell through the ice overtook the rest of the party who had made very little way pushed them on till 5- when we camped about 5 miles from the Indian Village. Tommy arrived at camp with the portmanteau at ¼ 8 - accompanied by Billy, who had been discharged by Mr Wright. Settled a domestic difficulty for the Chief Muskaboo. Paid \$20 fr snow shoes & \$22.50 for provisions

1871-12-09

SATURDAY

Up at 4- mild warm night - got off at 7- snow deep & soft, reached the Village of Kitwinselt at 10 AM, where I was introduced to the Chiefess Ampitalt, Mrs Jno Collens, Crossed the river in a canoe & continued our course on the left bank very heavy travelling - the ice soft & loaded with melting snow, fell through the ice several times camped at 4- having travelled 17 miles - Rained heavily during

the night. Expected Mr Wright & had wood cut for him, but he did not put in an appearance. -

1871-12-10

SUNDAY

The Doctor in great distress lost his purse with \$20-50. Started at 7- but left the Doctor behind to search for his lost property. Rained heavily the greater part of the day, got drenched through, reached the Village of Kitcotain at 1- P.M. but could not get any satisfactory information from the Indians, & by the advice of the Interpreter "Kumgo" we went on to some Indian houses 2 miles further down when we met Jno Barton, one of Mr Tomlisons Indians & from whom we learned that the river was open about 4 miles below, & that we could get a canoe to the mission. I at once engaged him & proceeded about 3 miles where we camped in a downpour of rain - at first it looked as if we could not get a fire & all were miserable but Dan & Tommy by hard work succeeded in getting a good one by 9 O.C. but again expected Wright & prepared for him but he did not come. - Rained heavily till near morning.

1871-12-11

MONDAY

Up at 4- slight frost - got all the packs away at 7¼ - ice very much broken up & very dangerous but were well guided by the Indian Jno Barton reached John Mathisons (alias Cockeyed John) at 9- AM & were rejoiced to find the river clear of ice. Mathison very promptly provided a camp & gave me some potatoes & salted oulaghans. Started at 12- with Mashell, Dan, & Tommy - having the Doctor Alic & Billy to come on in the canoe which I would send from the mission. Fair wind reached the Mission at 2 P.M. & was most kindly & hospitably recd by Mr Tomlison. Met T. Archdale who informed me that he & Mr McNeill had met with an accident, got their canoe smashed & quantity of goods belonging to Cunningham & Hankin destroyed. Sent a canoe back for Mr Wright & Party. Left fr. Ft Simpson at 6 PM. fair wind till 11- when a storm set in wind & rain & we were obliged to camp till 2 AM. Bought 2- Bracatels fr \$7- & 2 baskets for \$2- fr Mr Tomlison, the amt to be paid to Mr Cridge - Tobacco \$3- ?- Paid off my Indians fr Kiltbanks \$35.

1871-12-12 **

TUESDAY

Started at 2 AM - head wind & heavy rain - soon the wind changed & we went ahead under full sail to

Ft Simpson where we arrived at 8³/₄. Morrison in charge & was most kindly recd by him, had a delicious bath & good breakfast. Paid off the Mission Indian \$15- & Tommy in full. Engaged a canoe for Wright & party & left a note for him. Borrowed \$150- from Morrison to be paid to HBC at Victoria. Started at 11 OC for Skeena in a good canoe accompanied by Mr Morrison, head wind & made but little way, arrived at Metlacathla at 7- & were kindly recd by Mr Duncan & were cheered up by hearing from him that the "Otter" was waiting at the Mt of the Skeena. Engaged 2 more Indians & started again at 8 blowing a gale worked away till 12- when the Indians saw it was not safe & refused to go on - put ashore for the night

1871-12-13

WEDNESDAY

Blowing hard all the night - could not start before ¼ 8 – a heavy sea on & were nearly swamped several times Made very little head way - met some Indians at 10 O.C. who informed us that the Otter had sailed the night before, when all my hopes vanished, too bad after working so hard to miss it by a few hours. Could not suppress my feelings of disappointment & grief Reached the Mt of Skeena, "Willowclaugh" at ¼ 11- Recd a kind letter fr Joe - also one fr Capt Mist & Capt Lewis but none fr dear Carry. Heard that Constable Brown had this morning gone to Fort Simpson.

1871-12-14

THURSDAY

Rained incessantly during the night. Left in a canoe for Port Essington, (15 miles from Willowclaugh) with Morrison & Cunningham Reached Essington at 1- & were recd by Mr Feake who is in charge of the H. B. store & was most kindly treated. Cannot shake of[f] my depression & feel miserable & out of sorts

1871-12-15

FRIDAY

Slight frost - could not sleep an hour, my thoughts constantly with the dear ones who I know are suffering on my acct. - Left in a canoe with Morrison Cunningham & Feake for Willowclaugh - on the way got two good shots at Deer & wounded both badly but could not get them - Powder bad - shot too light No 4- Arrived at Willowclaugh at 5- & recd from Constable Brown No 6 Extra. Settled with the Doctor, paid him \$10- which with other deductions leaves a bal due him of \$35-25.

1871-12-16

SATURDAY

Beautiful. Learned fr Constable Brown that he had presented part of his vouchers for escort of prisoner Theakeston for payment at Victoria & drawn his salary contrary to instructions, & much to my annoyance. Left in a canoe for Fort Simpson with Morrison Cunningham & Feakes - reached Metlacathla at 1- PM paid Mr Duncan a visit & lunched with Cunningham - started at 3- slight head wind which prevented our reaching Ft Simpson before 10½. Distance fr Willowclaugh to Ft Simpson 30 miles Paid Constable Brown on acct \$155-. Recd a note fr G B Wright fr Ft Tongass

1871-12-17

SUNDAY

Cold N.E. wind - remained in doors the entire day can think of nothing but the dear ones at home & the anxiety they must be in.

1871-12-18

MONDAY

Bitter cold day - the chief invited me to see one of the biscuit feasts, went with Cunningham & had a long chat with them they were most anxious to make complaints against Mr Duncan but I would not listen, the chief presented me with an otter skin. Paid Cunningham in full for supplies bought at Skeena, he & Mr Feake went on board Moors intending to leave for Metlacathla during the night

1871-12-19

TUESDAY

Lovely day. Moped in house & cant make up my mind to do anything Wrote a note to G. B. Wright to ask him to beg of the Capt of the Str Wright to call or signal to me when passing, but I still cling to the hope that some vessel will be sent for us.

1871-12-20

WEDNESDAY

Could not sleep constantly fancying I heard the sound of the steamer Prowled about on the beach constantly hoping to see the steamer arrive. - Beautiful slight breeze fr the North.

1871-12-21

THURSDAY

Fine morning. Left Fort Simpson for Metlacathla at 11½ - in a canoe with Dan, Mashell Doctor & Claugh when about half way it came on to blow - the sea at times very rough Reached Metlacathla at ¼ 4 - & was recd kindly by Mr Duncan - who entertained me all the evening with accounts of his Indians.

1871-12-22

FRIDAY

Bitterly cold day. Everything in & about the house frozen. Mr Duncan showed me over his premises & explained his plans for the future. Could have enjoyed it at any other time, but cannot think of anything but my dear ones at home, & now certainly that I cannot get there for Xmas.

1871-12-23

SATURDAY

Thermometer 9- below Zero. Bright clear day. Bought 2 prs of Bracatels fr Mr Duncan \$9-50 & he presented me with some Indian curiosities. Gave him \$10- to be distributed among his poor on Xmas day. The Doctor signified his intention of returning to Skeena paid him in full. Started for Ft Simpson at 12¼ with Mashell Dan & Clan came on to blow a gale fr the North & we were obliged to camp bitterly cold night, bright & clear. Thought a great deal about the dear ones & how much I should like to have been with them today

1871-12-24

SUNDAY

Up at 6- Everything frozen could not start till 10- AM when it was high tide.

Canoe nearly swamped - made very little way, got fast on a rock - reached the Fort at 2- almost frozen & the men used up. Found that 8- miners had arrived fr the Forks of the Skeena via the Naass having been days on the way. Cold & miserable, & more depressed than ever.

1871-12-25

MONDAY

Xmas day. Very hard frost, everything frozen solid. Feel like an outcast away from all those that are dear to me, spent a most miserable day. Walked round the gallery for about an hour, but could not get warm.

1871-12-26

TUESDAY

Another hard nights frost. The Indians came running in to say that two whales were seen close to the beach - went out with Morrison, but could see nothing of them. Remained in house all the rest of the day, cannot settle down to do anything. Did not turn in till past 11- O.C.

1871-12-27

WEDNESDAY

Fine clear bracing morning - not quite as cold as yesterday. Four miners - McDonald Hocking McIntosh & another left in a canoe for the mouth of the Skeena. Morrison very kind & attentive but I cannot enjoy anything & feel miserable, took a walk round the Fort Gallery.

1871-12-28

TUESDAY

Very cold morning everything frozen, but no Thermometer in the Fort. Moped about the Fort in the evening took a walk round the gallery for an hour & half North wind very strong.

1871-12-29

FRIDAY

Everything frozen solid - intensely cold Took my usual walk round the gallery for the Fort for two hours & kept a look out for the steamer but was again doomed

to disappointment.

1871-12-30

SATURDAY

Another bitter cold day, the wind not so fresh as yesterday but still blowing keenly from the north.

1871-12-31

SUNDAY

Amount of Moresby's note \$205-00
1870

Decr 4th Recd Bushby on acct of the
above note \$10-00

1871

Janry 5th Do Do 10-00

Feb 7th Do Do 10-00

March 2nd Do Do 5 00

April 27th Do 5.00

1872

July 3rd Do

Sunday Decr 31st

Hard frosty morning blowing half a gale fr the north which slightly moderated about noon.

Took a walk with Morrison on the beach, & afterwards on the gallery Getting quite worn out with impatience & anxiety to get home. Spent a most miserable day. - Clouds low & heavy with an appearance of a change of weather

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“Nothing [*left blank*] can say or do will alter my grateful remembrance of the past.

CASH ACCOUNT

CASH ACCOUNT - JANUARY

Date	Received	Paid
1 Church		50
3 Mashell for Fish & Vegetables		1 00
5 Mrs Johnston Toys &c fr Children		5 95
5 Wilson for Chintz & belt -		3 37½
5 Bunting -for Childs Chair		7 50
5 Bushby price of [Birch's] gun	100 00	
6 Townsend - fr one Turkey		2 50
“ Mashell fr sack of Potatoes		1 25
7 Chinaman fr Carrots		25
“ Tom for China Tea		1 50
8 Church		75
9 Graham bal of Yale Ret to 31st Decr by cheque dated 31st Decr	254 81	
X9 Mashell on acct		10 00
“ Vowell on acct Cheque		100 00
“ Mashell fr Cornstarch butter &c		1 50
14 Dunlop for straw - (Robbery)		7 50
15 Church		62½
16 Turner acct in full		58 16
“ Stafford & Hicken acct to 31st Decr		35 88
“ Grilley & Fitters acct in full		28 50
16 Sproat & Co in full		12 00
17 Victoria House, Denny, in full		101 46
“ Grouse Butter Carrots onion		1 75
19 Bryant, Blacksmith in full		7 50
X” Turner for T. Ellis		17 00
22 Church		1 25
23 S. P. Moody & Co for lumber		10 22
“ Manetta for Butter		1 25
24 Mashell in full to 31st Decr		10 00
25 Wm Clarke carpenter in full see diary		14 25
24 Jas. Frain 3 ton coals		27 00
26 H. B. Co acct in full to Decr 23rd		246 76
“ Mitchell & Johnston in full		9 25
“ Marry Baker in full		6 87
“ J. G. Norris, Chemist, in full		16 62
“ Langley & Co in full		54 21
“ Deas, Birmingham House in full		6 25
28 Mashell for Butter vegetables		2 00
29 Church		75
30 Mother		20 00

CASH ACCOUNT - FEBRUARY

Date	Received	Paid
1 Stafford & Hickin acct in full for Jan 21 75		
2 Ward for purchase of Gas shares	2000 -	
3 Broderick - Coal acct in full		11 -

4 Russell carriage hire in full		31 50
7 Joe - in full, see diary		577 75
7 Mashell on acct Wages		16 00
X4 J. R. Lawson Sen Brighton Canada - Draft per Ward		114 10
6 Hibben Private & Govt acct in full		80 75
12 Church		50
13 Potatoes \$1-25 Vegetables \$2-		3 25
17 Tom on acct of Wages		20 00
18 Mashell in full to 31st Jany		9 00
19 Church		1 37½
20 McCrea - duties on box % Prince of Wales		14 49
“ H. B. Co Freight & Wharfage on Do		10 72
“ H. B. Co Freight &c on Wine		55 40
27 H. B. Co Freight (J.W.T. Printer)		10 89
“ Bonding Warrant &c		2 50
28 To Zoe		250 -

CASH ACCOUNT - MARCH

Date	Received	Paid
1 J. G. Norris sub to Victoria Hospital		5 00
2 Mashell for Vegetables		2 00
4 Bagnall, Piano tuner pr Hibben		6 50
5 Church		62½
6 Wilson, “Plumber”, in full		19 50
“ Mashell on acct		5 00
7 Do in full to 28 Feby		20 00
“ Do for fish		- 25
8 Do to pay Promis & Sanders \$5-99 Lamp Glass 50 cts Grease \$2- Potatoes \$1-25		9 74
12 Church		1 00
13 Mashell for fish		- 75
“ Clark, Carpenter, in full		12 75
15 Leneveu acct in full		125 59
16 Mashell for Butter & vegetables		1 50
19 Church		- 75
23 E. Marvin - Pew Rent to 1st April St Johns		12 50
“ Fell & Finlayson acct in full		33 44
“ Mrs Trutch Senr		20 00
24 J. R. Stewart annual premium life insurance - “City of Glasgow”		151 56
“ Newberry acct in full		8 75
26 Church		- 75
27 Alaston - registration of Deeds Viz - Major Ellis \$2-20 - T. Ellis \$2-20 Fortune \$2- OReilly \$2-20 OReilly \$2-20 Tax on lot \$14 75		
“ Mrs Dewdney		100 00

27	Mashell wages in full to 31st March	25 00
	Do in full fr sundries	2 25
29	Do advanced on acct	20 00
29	J. Davis work in garden per Carry	26 00
“	Wharfage	75
“	Passage per Enterprise \$4- Mashell	
	\$2- horse \$4 Freight fr self	
“	freight Sanders \$[left blank] Steward	
	bill \$ [left blank]	
30	Colonial Hotel in full	6 50
	Book at [illegible]	
13	Passage per “Hope” \$7- Mashell	
	\$ [left blank] horse 5- freight for	
	Sanders	
	\$ [left blank] Stewards bill \$ [left blank]	
30	Fisker \$4.75 3.25 including Dickenson	
	\$1.50)	4 75
“	Cunninghams bill in full	3 62½

CASH ACCOUNT - APRIL

Date	Received	Paid
2	Church	50
4	Revd Holmes Pew Rent	5 00
7	H. Black	100 00
15	Mashell on acct per T. Ellis	5 00
23	Mashell on acct	3 00
25	Do wages in full to 30 th April	2 00
“	Mashell in advance for wages in May	20 00

CASH ACCOUNT - MAY

Date	Received	Paid
1st	For Cash to Carry - see diary	
1	Mc Quarrie fr Franks boots	5 00
“	Oppenheimer fr Pocket	
	hankerchief in full	3 25
“	Mullen Meals & in full	7 50
“	Pope P.O. acct &c in full on all accts	14 00
“	McRoberts butter acct in full	
	per Coffee	18 00
“	A. Coultee meals self & Mashell	2 00
2	Hautie meals & bed	3 00
“	Boyd C.C. fees McIntosh	
	Ingram & Fortune	6 50
“	Kirkpatrick meals	2 00
3	Smith, Clinton, meals & bed	3 00
“	Saul meals	2 00
4	Nelson 100 M. house meals & bed	5 00
“	Bates 150 “ “ meals	2 00
“	Dunlevey Soda Cr meals	2 00
“	Barnard Fares \$25- & Freight \$40	
	pr Hamilton	90 00
6	Brown & Gilles meals	3

“	Trevor - Biscuits \$5- Canvass	
	\$3- P.O. stamps	9 00
“	Bohanan beef fr John 102 lbs	
	@ 25 cts	25 50
“	Bromley fr H.B.C. pr Bailey	
	& horse freight	85 00
7	Wright passages & freight to	
	Ft George camp	76 25
“	Private meals	
9	Bacon Flour Tobacco	14 50
9	G.B.W. fr. Hickey freight to Giscombe	
	This acct to be refunded	7 00
19	Dewdney L.&W.	500 00
27	S. Walker for cutting Trail	220 00

CASH ACCOUNT - JUNE

Date	Received	Paid
		[no entry]

CASH ACCOUNT - JULY

Date	Received	Paid
3	Calbraith amt of tax orders	
	“Sailor Jack” \$100- &	
	F. Peters \$27-50	127 50
1	Fitzgerald sal. for June	161 66
	X This amt to be brought to	
	[active pay]	
“	Do. Allowance as Collector	50 00
8	John Graham per Dewdney	
	order L.&W.	70 00
10	W. Berry - per Dewdney	
	order L.&W.	130 27
10	D. English 5. Lbs beef @ 60cts	3 00
12th	J. Everett per Dewdney	
	order L.&W.	33 90
14	Jas Kopp carriage of stationary	
	&c fr Skeena	20
14	Ah Wan - fr grading & draining	
	Round G. C. office	35 00
14	D. English for beef	6 75
15	Sylvester Express Carriage of	
	Govt letters	30 00
17	P Reid Express charges Do	
	fr Skeena	7 00
18	[Jim] 1/3 of \$50- penalty	
	Imposed of Ah Wing	16 66
20	Ah Wan Grading round	
	G. C. office	35 00
27	C. Barnes - Carriage of Mail	
	fr Quesnelle	15 00
27	“[Jim]” = Interpreter fr Mouth	10 00
28th	“George” Packing stationary	

	to office	4 00
31	R. Howell Special Constable 2 days	20 00
“	A. Graham 3 days at \$5 horse hire fr G. C.	15 00
“	Tom Indian 3 days at \$6- Packing Records &c	18 00
“	F. Page Special Constable fr July	200 00
“	P O'Reilly Allowance fr July	155 00
“	J St Laurence Rent of office & chest.	
“	Jas. herding horses at Manson Creek	5 00

CASH ACCOUNT - AUGUST

Date	Received	Paid
2	D. English for Beef	3 00
4	“ Do - Do	3 40
2	B. McQueen beef at Manson River	2 00
“	Wm Cargil for flour	1 50
8	Cameron beef at Manson River	4 00
“	John Balzhiser	
12	Ercole old acct for Mutton	4 50
15	Pool - beef bill	4 25
18	Do Beef bill	4 25
18	Constable Brown at [illegible] on acct.	35 00
21	Ercole - in full for Mutton	6 00
28	Graham fr horse hire to Manson River	10 00
“	Indian fr Fish - fr Indians	1 00
29	Ireland Express	5 00
30	Indian fr hunting horse	2 50

CASH ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER

Date	Received	Paid
1	Wm Welch fr packing	15 00

CASH ACCOUNT - OCTOBER

Date	Received	Paid
9	Smith & Stirling 5 lbs W. Sugar @ 90 cts	4 50
“	Do 5 lbs B Sugar “ 75	3 75
“	“ honey	2 50
13	Tommy Ind - fr packing to Manson River & returning	15 00
14	Lent Clifford	10 00
16	Advance Constable Brown for express to Victoria	50 00
17	54 lbs Hixon Mutton at 20 cts	10 80
“	5 lb Rice @ 62½	3 25
“	4 lb. B Sugar “ 75 -	3 00
“	4 “ W Do \$1-00	4 00

“	P. Toy 35 lbs potatoes @ 50 cts	17 50
“	Sterling - Honey	2 00
23	Fitzgerald - Sal allowance &c fr Septr	342.50
“	D - Do “ for Octr	270 16
“	Sylvester Contract	
“	Barlow Gardiner L&W	186 83
“	Page Purchase of Gold Dust	60 00
23	Clark & Pearson - stove fr office	78 00
“	Brown fr 2 beef tongues	5 00
26	Page Sal - fr Octr in full	200 00
“	1½ lb Tea	3 75
“	4 lb. B Sugar & 3 lb W. Sugar	5 50
“	2 boxes Y Powder	1 75
“	25 lbs flour @ 45 cts	11 25
“	2 lbs Bacon	2 00
28	Mutton	8 50

CASH ACCOUNT - NOVEMBER

Date	Received	Paid
1	Mashell gold nugget	3 00

CASH ACCOUNT - DECEMBER

Date	Received	Paid
	[no entry]	

MEMORANDA

Date	Dolls. Cts.
Omineca Collectorate	
1871 June	2703 50
July	3152 50
Aug	3372 50
Sept	2570 50
Oct	1360 82
Balance of Rev on hand 19 July	1889 71

Date	Dolls. Cts.
Odeal Quentell	

NOTES

Advanced to Miners		
D. McMartin	Paid	\$15-00
F. Bagan	Paid	7-50
Wm Cline		5-00
Wm Marshall	Paid	7-50
John Thomas (Sailor Jack)		100-00
P. Farrell (Dirty faced)	Paid	27-50
J. M. Owen		7-50
Wm Carroll		7-50
Jno Quagliotte		200-00