

1886 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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NOTES

‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting, which has often caused difficulties.’

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

Conventions

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
 - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
 - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
 - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses () is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, www.measuringworth.com, 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

Correspondence

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

Abbreviations

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

Names

Æ	George William Russell	JGB	John George Butcher
AJB	Arthur James Balfour	KW	Karl Walter
EVL	Ernest V. Longworth	Lady B	Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour
F / Fs	Fingall / Fingalls	LI.G.	David Lloyd George
GBS	George Bernard Shaw	RAA	Robert Andrew Anderson
GH	Gerald Heard	SHB	Samuel Henry Butcher
GWB	Gerald William Balfour		

Organisations

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ Irish Republican Army (depending on context)
CDB	Congested Districts Board	IUA	Irish Unionist Alliance
CWS	Co-operative Wholesale Society	K St Club/K.S.C.	Kildare Street Club
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	NAOS	National Agricultural Organization Society
FO	Foreign Office	NFU	National Farmers Union
H of C	House of Commons	RDS	Royal Dublin Society
HPF	Horace Plunkett Foundation	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
IAOS	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society	TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
IAWS	Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society	UAOS	Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society
ICAS	Irish Co-operative Agency Society	UI	United Irishwomen
IDL	Irish Dominion League	UP	Union Pacific
		Wyo Dev Co	Wyoming Development
		WO	War Office

General

&c	etcetera (etc.)	Gt	Great
a/c a/cs	account/s	HR	Home Rule
ADC	aide-de-camp	Inst/Inst:/Inst'n	Instruction
agricl / agric'l	agricultural	I.Q.	Irish Question
ag / agric're	agriculture	legisl'n	legislation
Amer'n	American	Ltd.	Limited
ass'n / assoc'n	association	moted	motored
ass't	assistant	MP	Member of Parliament
betw'n	between	Mov't	movement
bd	board	Nat / Nat'l	National
CC (by context)	Catholic curate	Nat's	Nationalists
	Cricket Club	o'c	o'clock
	County Councillor	Parl / Parl't	Parliament
Ch: Sec	Chief Secretary	parl'y	parliamentary
coll / coll:	college	PP	parish priest
co / co.	company or county	Powder R	Powder River
com'n/comm'n	commission	Pres't	President
Conv'n/Conv'tn	Convention	Prot	Protestant
coop/coop:	co-operative	Qn	Question
coop'n	co-operation	RC	Roman Catholic
ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtaí Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl^x is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec^d"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

1886

Events:

8 Apr – Gladstone introduces first Home Rule bill in House of Commons

4-10 Jun, 7 Jul-19 Sep – Rioting in Belfast

8 Jun – Home Rule Bill defeated in House of Commons 341 to 311, with 93 Liberals voting with the majority; Liberal Party split

23 Oct – ‘Plan of Campaign’ (collective rent negotiation/withholding) announced in *United Ireland*

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative) to 27 Jan; William Gladstone (Liberal) to 25 Jul; 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

Chief Secretary: Sir Wm. Hart Dyke to 23 Jan, Wm. Henry Smith to 6 Feb, John Morley to 5 Aug; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach

Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Carnarvon to 20 Feb, Earl of Aberdeen to 5 Aug; Marquess of Londonderry

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £110 ; \$1 = \$23

Correspondence [Notes]	1886	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Fri	Played football at Clishagh with the natives. Have always wished to encourage outdoor games among them. Played very badly myself not being very fit.
	2 Jan, Sat	Hunted with Wards at The Mayne. Rode Silo. Very fairly good runs.
	3 Jan, Sun	Walked to church at Kilmessan & dined with the Leonards.
	4 Jan, Mon	American correspondence took the morning. Then drove via R[ock] Lodge where I inspected the farm house &c to Rahinston where Booth & I dined & slept. Miss Fowler Miss Fowler still. Looking a little older but handsome & was very amicable. Old Fowler has always been all that is nice to me.
	5 Jan, Tue	Hunted at Summerhill. Rode Neb & the cob. Hardest day I was ever out. Wet through with cold snow. Cut a voluntary by horse swerving in open field & felt foolish. Mounted John Watson on Panic. He came home with Booth & me, dined & slept. I told him all about his brother & his chances out west.
	6 Jan, Wed	Wards at Culmullin. Rode Silo & was well carried through one of the best runs I ever rode. Points – Culmullin, Baltrasna, Ballygortagh, Summerhill, Spring Valley, Ginnetts, Bullring, Bog of Kill, Tobertynan, Muchwood. At end only 7 were up, 2 of whom had not ridden beginning of run. Long ride home. Freezing hard all day. Huge snowstorm in London.
	7 Jan, Thu	Business all day. Dinner party Falkiners Mr. & Mrs., Murphys G & Lady M, Leonards, Dillons Sir J & Lady.
	8 Jan, Fri	Meath hounds due at Dunsany. But the ground was iron and Trotter had too much sense to come. Men came from Dublin & altogether a good deal of my liquor went towards the consolation of the red coated sportsmen. J.G. Butcher came & also Charlie Quin who drove from Dublin & slept the night.
	9 Jan, Sat	Hard frost. JG Butcher left by early train his short holiday being over. I was sorry to see him go. He is a good friend. I did business all day. R Shiel, the secretary of the United Irish Cattle Trade Assoc'n, came down to spend Sunday & talk over cattle matters.
	10 Jan, Sun	Walked to Church & lunched with N. Preston. George Murphy walked over & talked over the state of the country. Tom Leonard dined.

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	11 Jan, Mon	Johnny & Harry Fowler came to sleep for hunt next day. Attended vestry meeting at Kilmessan to decide upon repairs & improvements of the Church. Had £110 available & was much opposed to spending 3 times amount. Parson thought this unreasonable, from his manner. James Cullen came & we talked cattle all day.
	12 Jan, Tue	Rode the cob at Lismullin. Disappointing day. Ran many foxes short distances.
	13 Jan, Wed	Hunted Nebuchadnezzar with Wards. Good run but didn't go well. Went to Dublin by evening train.
	14 Jan, Thu	Attended United Irish Cattle Trade Assoc'n & moved a resolution committing the council of the Assoc'n to support Live weight selling. Spoke a good deal & carried the point. Thought my arguments were not answered at all. I am opposed not by arguments but by interests □ butchers & jobbers. Dined with G. F. Murphy.
	15 Jan, Fri	Hunted Silo with Meaths at Batterstown. Two small runs in morning & very good run in evening from Dunshaughlin to Kilbride. In the latter I got a good start but got down in a river. Coleridge riding Panic & Booth went to the end & report a delightful gallop.
	16 Jan, Sat	Rode Neb with the Wards & crossed over by Northwall boat. Miserable wet day, was drenched to the skin with snow & rain.
	17 Jan, Sun	Arrived early at No. 7 & found Pater looking even better than when I arrived from America. Poor Johnny's 3rd son died about 2 weeks old.
	18 Jan, Mon	Johnny started for Dunsany to bury his baby. I breakfasted with Moreton Frewen.
	19 Jan, Tue	Letter from Windsor taking a frightfully gloomy view of the prospects of the Frontier Co. and I fear a more or less true view. The break down of the Herman feeding place is very serious. My finances are really in a deplorable state.
	20 Jan, Wed	Pater most kindly gave me a present of £300 to help me out of financial difficulties. If I ever have a son and am half as good to him as my poor father is to me, I hope he may be twice as grateful as I am. Found Willie Peters in London, 28 Halfmoon St., & had a long cattle talk. His news not cheery. But was glad to talk things over with him.
	21 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	22 Jan, Fri	Went to Pantomime with Willie Peters whom I dined at New Club. Went in afternoon to hear Moreton Frewen address the Monetary Standard Alliance on the subject of bimetallism. He speaks admirably & is never dull.
	23 Jan, Sat	[No entry]
	24 Jan, Sun	Went to St. James' Piccadilly to hear Reggy Dutton preach. Good delivery, strong voice □ easy language, but withal a somewhat

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		hollow though most impressive -----ss. He will rise in the Church. But he doesn't inspire me. He will inspire ladies.
	25 Jan, Mon	Dined with Conny. Small dinner.
	26 Jan, Tue	Took Mary's children to entertainment at New Club. A great play ground. But there was too much society & too little romp. Charming children □ so well bred.
	27 Jan, Wed	Called on John Everitt sec. Farmer's [sic] Alliance on Live weight question. He advised me to see W.E. Bear, editor Mark Lane Express. Wrote to make appointment. Rec[eive]d letter from Alexis giving most gloomy account yet rec[eive]d of feeding experiment at Herman.
	28 Jan, Thu	[No entry]
	29 Jan, Fri	[No entry]
	30 Jan, Sat	Dined with J G Butcher, Oxford & Cambridge Club. Met Monteagle & a Scotch M.P. Stupid party.
	31 Jan, Sun	Called on JW Barclay, MP for Farforshire, a most cold blooded Radical. He is in favor of buying out the landlord but at the price which will satisfy the Irish Nationalists, however low.
	1 Feb, Mon	Attended meeting of Farmers Club at Inns of Court Hotel & said a few words in favor of Live Weight. Boughton dined at No. 7 and we talked over the gloomy prospects of our Western enterprises. News comes worse & worse.
	2 Feb, Tue	[No entry]
	3 Feb, Wed	[No entry]
	4 Feb, Thu	Called on Ld. Rosslyn at Moreton Frewen's request to talk over Powder R. Co. affairs. Was very guarded. Found Ld. R. completely enlisted on M.F.'s side. Ld. is a poet & not a business man. Hurlburt, P. Bagenal, J B Roche, Algy Bourke & Moreton Frewen dined with me at New Club. Very pleasant party.
	5 Feb, Fri	[No entry]
	6 Feb, Sat	Dined Willie Peters at New Club & went to Gaiety Theatre. Good burlesque. Very good for one's spirits to be abstracted in such a pleasant manner.
	7 Feb, Sun	Wrote letter to Times via Algy Bourke to prove that co-operation betw'n producer & consumer of meat would never succeed until Live weight system was introduced into cattle markets & middlemen were thereby extinguished. Lunched with Wm. Lowther, Lowther Lodge. Nice people. Plain daughters. Son James Lowther an old schoolfellow, eldest son. Met Arnold White an authority on emigration.
[9 st, 7 lb = 133 lb]	8 Feb, Mon	I went to see Vivian - Gray about a loan of £20,000 to Frontier Co. which he hopes to get out of --- Scotchmen. I am not very sanguine about it. He is to write to Whitton. Weighed naked 9.7 before dinner!

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	9 Feb, Tue – 11 Feb, Thu	[No entry]
	12 Feb, Fri	Lunched Moreton Frewen. Met Lady Leslie & Hurlburt. Former pleasant & clever. Latter quite charming Yankee.
	13 Feb, Sat	Dined with Lady Verney. Lunched Dick Frewen.
	14 Feb, Sun	Left London by night mail.
	15 Feb, Mon	Spent day in Dublin doing business.
	16 Feb, Tue	Hunted Nebuchadnezzar with Meaths, Kilmessan. Poor day galloping about Curtistown, Kilcarty, Bellinter, Swainston & Dunsany. Coleridge came to sleep a couple of nights.
	17 Feb, Wed	Meaths at Dunshaughlin. Rode Silo nice gallop from Gerrardstown across Clownstown, Closhagh, the Mullagh & Dunsany. Dined at Grange.
	18 Feb, Thu	Had to go to Dublin to fight over the live weight question with opposition in Council of Assoc'n. Dined Warrenstown.
	19 Feb, Fri	Meaths at Batterstown. Rode the cob.
	20 Feb, Sat	Hunted Wards at Priestown. Nice gallop but Nebuchadnezzar fell & threw me out of the best part of it. Went to Rahinston to spend Sunday. Met Mr. & Mrs. Law (he in artillery, she a Miss Bowen I used to see dancing in Meath).
	21 Feb, Sun	[No entry]
	22 Feb, Mon	Returned Dunsany & was busy with letters all day.
	23 Feb, Tue	Hunted with Meaths at Corbalton. Rode Silo. Two gallops, Reish to Lagore & Dunville's sticks to Somerville.
	24 Feb, Wed	Rode poor Chum's horse Domino with Wards. What wouldn't I give to have his late owner on him instead of me. Another cable for money from Tile Co.
[Gertrude de Burgh died unmarried in 1935.]	25 Feb, Thu	Went to Dublin by morning train. Read a live weight paper before Cattle Assoc'n. Carried a resolution in favor. Went to Gowran Grange where I found Willie Blacker under Gerty de Robeck's care recovering from a hunting accident □ broken collar bone. I prophesy Gerty & Willie will marry. I should do all I could to forward the alliance.
	26 Feb, Fri	Spent day talking business with Willie Blacker. We also visited Kildare Hunt Kennels.
	27 Feb, Sat	Met old Bulwer at Club & discussed the affairs of the Tile Co. Batterstown by mid-day train & hunted Silo with Wards. Got on wrong side of the R'y & got thrown out. Miserable wet cold day. Found Johnny at Dunsany, I went to dine at Grange.
	28 Feb, Sun	Church at Kilmessan, lunch with N. Preston.
	1 Mar, Mon	Woke up hoping to hunt but found the ground deep in snow. Did business all day.
	2 Mar, Tue	Rec[eive]d letter from Ld. Rosslyn asking me to go on Powder

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		River Co's Board. Think Moreton Frewen who has triumphed over his directors has treated Willie Peters very badly. Declined to join his party and as my position is getting compromised, determined to write a straightforward letter to the Secretary of the company asking him giving my honest views of the situation. Edmund Roche arrived for a visit. Attended Dunshaughlin Board of Guardians on Labourers' cottages question. Was struck by fairness & moderation of Board beyond that I had expected.
	3 Mar, Wed	Estate a/cs & other business nearly the whole day.
	4 Mar, Thu	Business all day.
	5 Mar, Fri	We had a little afternoon cock shoot & killed 4 brace cock.
	6 Mar, Sat	The whole week the country was covered with snow. Hunting impossible. Phenomenal weather. Freezing all day in shade & all night. 2 Leonards, 3 Murphys, 2 Brightons, 2 Briscoes, Arthur Tisdall (he dined & slept). Arthur Tisdall has been in Texas 5 years & his language, dress, manners & thoughts are 2nd class Yankee. He is doing well. But what a sacrifice!
	7 Mar, Sun	Walked to Kilmessan.
	8 Mar, Mon	Meath Hounds hunting again. Met at Dunsany. Ditches full of snow. Found fox in Hill of Glane. Went towards Culmullin fast. But no scent. Edmund rode Domino, I rode Nebuchadnezzar.
	9 Mar, Tue	Meet of Wards at Dunboyne. Rode Silo. Very fair hunt. Gradwell nearly killed by a collision with Hugh Gore in open field.
To Moreton Frewen	10 Mar, Wed (Ash)	Business at Dunsany. Correspondence with M Frewen & other Powder R authorities who have dragged me into a row over that Co's affairs.
	11 Mar, Thu	Went to Dublin for Cattle Assoc'n meeting. Maxwell came down by ev[enin]g train.
	12 Mar, Fri	Edmund rode Domino & I rode Nebuchadnezzar, bad day with Meaths at Rahinston. Booth came down by midday train. Johnny left by afternoon train. Had a ranch meeting in evening. But alas for the business capacity of my partners. We degenerated into whist.
	13 Mar, Sat	Rode Silo two good runs with Wards. Booth left by early train.
	14 Mar, Sun	[No entry]
	15 Mar, Mon	Business at Dunsany all day. James Cullen came over and we did the place thoroughly making several further reductions in staff & expenses.
	16 Mar, Tue	Hunted with Meaths at Bellinter. Snow storm in morning & small meet in consequence. Came on to Dunsany. No scent. Then Lismullin in evening & good run from Templekeeran to Slator's. My last hunt for the Season & only my 25th. This with 3 horses!
	17 Mar, Wed	Packing up all day at Dunsany & slept at Kildare St. Club. Edmund came up with me.
	18 Mar, Thu	Arrived 7 Grosvenor Place. Roughish passage & was very sick.

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	19 Mar, Fri	[No entry]
	20 Mar, Sat	Had Tiles meeting. D Lawless, O Cuffe, W R Bulwer & self.
	21 Mar, Sun	Moreton Frewen wrote a nasty letter saying that he heard the Powder R. directors might offer me managership which he would not consent to but that he would go to law in Wyoming to renew his own management. Called on Rosslyn to explain my conduct with regard to the Powder R. Co. Didn't like the man. Not the perfect gentleman. He had brought up his children, he told me, under the care of Forster, our old nurse. I wonder if he allowed them to be dieted on physic.
	22 Mar, Mon	Dined C J Studman a Cheyenne acquaintance & took him to play.
	23 Mar, Tue	[No entry]
	24 Mar, Wed	Pater & I dined with Conny & Raymond.
	25 Mar, Thu	Meeting of Tile Co. Nothing new.
	26 Mar, Fri	Powder River Co begin to press me to take management. I fear it will be the only way to save the Company though it is doubtful whether any management can now atone for past mismanagement.
[Henry Irving]	27 Mar, Sat	Went with Mary to see Faust at the Lyceum. Far the finest spectacular effect I ever saw. Fine acting by Irving & Ellen Terry. Stupid libretto.
	28 Mar, Sun	[No entry]
	29 Mar, Mon	[No entry]
[Streatfeild]	30 Mar, Tue	Oswald Streatfield [sic], F Kemp, D Lawless, Harry Fowler dined with me at New Club & came to Avenue Theatre. Busy all day with packing mentally & impedimenta-ly. Powder River Co still anxious to get me to manage [] all except Moreton Frewen for whom I am beginning to think I am too honest. Had tooth stopped by Pritchard & paid him all I owed £2.2/-.
	31 Mar, Wed	Left Pater & family today. Poor Pater broke out "I shall never see you again". I laughed at the idea. But I never felt less like laughing. Dined & slept at Stoke Park with Valentine. Went there to meet Willie Blacker my heaviest backer.
	1 Apr, Thu	Came to Liverpool and went on board SS "Adriatic" for New York. Streatfield [sic], R. Stuart Wortley came on too. Heard Britannic had broken down & put back to Queenstown. Bought on board her. Very glad I didn't start a week earlier. We are to take Britannic's passengers. Boisterous night in Channel.
	2 Apr, Fri	At Queenstown F Kemp came on board with news that Powder River Co were unanimously in favor of my appointment as manager. Horace Townsend also came on board while we waited for mails & talked Mary's business.
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	11 Apr, Sun	To Sandy Hook 295. Landed after very pleasant voyage, my mind being much rested by immunity from business worries. Went to Everett House. In afternoon Boughton & I found old Ivery in his Hotel in Brooklyn & had a long talk over the Tile Co. Another crisis! In evening Leonard Jerome sent for me & told me he heartily endorsed my appointment by Powder R Co.
	12 Apr, Mon	Tile Co all day. All except Boughton went West.
[In fact, Ajeeb housed a gifted human chess player.]	13 Apr, Tue	Tile Co all day. In evening played my old friend Ajeeb, the automaton Chess player now in the Eden Musée, New York. The first game I won a piece. Then lost my queen by an oversight. The second game I won, the third was very long & I gave it up at the request of the exhibitors. Should have won.
	14 Apr, Wed	Went west after a final Tile Co inspection. Old Bulwer cabled that another £1000 was available. I subscribed \$1000 & so the crisis is tided over. We must carry the business through now though when profitable it should be sold.
	15 Apr, Thu	Had a miserable day in the train with cold & sore throat nearly choking me. Weather very hot for middle of April, a most treacherous heat coming so early!
	16 Apr, Fri	Arrived Chicago where I was to meet Lingham. He could not come till night. Saw Edward Cullen (son of Hugh) & he attached himself to me to come out to the west. Will try him at Herman. Strikes me as slow. Lingham's delay enabled me to write Tile report.
	17 Apr, Sat	Had long talk with Lingham. Explained he must serve Frewen or me. He said he would take orders from me. Agreed upon best plan of handling cattle for year. Left Chicago with Edward Cullen for Herman.
	18 Apr, Sun	Had to spend day in Omaha there being no Sunday trains. Went out with Brewster, Toby Cairnes & Lane to Gilmore yards & saw the Union Cattle Co's large "fattery". They are feeding on slop & making I think a huge failure of it. Met Windsor & Coble both very down in the mouth about Frontier Co.
	19 Apr, Mon	Train to Herman left 15 minutes earlier today – change of time this morning so I got left. Very annoying as it delayed me another day getting to Cheyenne. Went to Herman 5.40 P.M., picking up at Blair a young Cullen (Edward) who had come out from Chicago to learn farming. Found Beau Watson & Alexis with the fattery in full swing and after all their troubles apparently working well and profitably.

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	20 Apr, Tue	Overhauled the a/cs. Arranged to take Beau Watson to Powder River & leave Cullen at Herman. Went into feeding matters generally & left for Omaha & Cheyenne.
	21 Apr, Wed	Arrived Cheyenne. Found Fred Hesse, F. Kemp & Peters anxious for my arrival. Also found R. Frewen in a perfectly furious humour determined to oppose my management by every means in his power. Peters gladly resigned the management of the company in my favor.
	22 Apr, Thu	Spent most of the day discussing plans with F. Hesse. The interference of R Frewen who actually warned Hesse not to obey me, making things most difficult.
	23 Apr, Fri	Murphy arrived to R. Frewen's orders. He refused to serve me unreservedly & I would not hire him.
	24 Apr, Sat	Interviews with R.F. now becoming unbearable. I had to request him to write me in future. He persuaded Murphy to make a written offer to serve me. This I of course refused & as he wrote me an insolent letter I was glad I had done so.
	25 Apr, Sun	Frank Kemp left for Hat Creek. Was sorry to lose him at such a critical time. Work & worry all day.
	26 Apr, Mon	Since R Frewen has ceased to be a talking acquaintance I have had comparative peace. Lots of work all day.
	27 Apr, Tue	The weather utterly detestable cold & snowy. The sudden changes at this time of year produce colds. In fact every one has one. The Directors & I cable backwards & forwards almost daily. Great expense but unavoidable. I am really cabling replies to Frewen misrepresentations all the time.
	28 Apr, Wed	Work all day. My own affairs are in a baddish way but not worse than I expected. The price of beef is down □ land titles are hard to get. All my investments are long winded & many won't survive the want of further working capital. However there are hopeful signs in the positive. The press of work is my real difficulty. I cannot look after my own affairs enough. The Union Cattle Co. let me off their ?business on Nowood.
	29 Apr, Thu	The row with the Frewens gets worse. Dick tells me that if his brother & he don't get into power it is "war to the knife" between the Frewens & me, that he & Moreton will go to Powder River & give their orders to the employés independently. I never wished to be manager. But now that the Frewens are declaring "war to the knife" against me who have [sic] nothing to gain in trying to help the company, I shall try & keep my position for my own reputation, the good of the unhappy company & the cattle business in general.
	30 Apr, Fri	Beau Watson arrived, I having undertaken to teach him a/c keeping by double entry. He seems intelligent over it & I think will learn easily.
	1 May, Sat	Spent whole day teaching Beau double entry. He learns well. I don't know a better feeling boy than he is and I shall certainly do

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		all I can to help him along in this country.
	2 May, Sun	Tutor to Beau all day. He gets on famously.
	3 May, Mon	Cable from Powder River Co. saying that Moreton & Edward Frewen were appointed directors. By scheming and wholesale misrepresentation of the truth the Frewens have got control of the magnificent property of the Powder River Co. which they are no more fit to manage than they are to navigate a ship across the Atlantic. I shall, of course, be shortly relieved of the job.
	4 May, Tue – 6 May, Thu	[No entry]
	7 May, Fri	Telegram from Buffalo that Roach Chapman our foreman was arrested for horse stealing. Could anything be more unlucky than this unhappy Company. The worst of it is that in the midst of all the confusion I am detained in Cheyenne by that miserable helpless Powder River Board of Directors. Believe Chapman is really wanted for murder.
[Samuel T. Hauser to Frank E. Warren] [Corlett (attorney)] [Morgan – Secretary of Wyoming Territory]	8 May, Sat	Requisition from Governor of Montana to Governor of Wyoming for extradition of Chapman came to Cheyenne today. Took Corlette [sic] to secretary Morgan's office to examine the requisition. No informality discovered. Telegraphed Chaplin [sic] I had engaged attorney to defend him at Miles City.
	9 May, Sun	Cabled Powder River Co. they must appoint me for season or dismiss me. Booth started for Powder River with my buggy. He is to pick me up at Fetterman or Brown Springs if I can get off in time.
	10 May, Mon	Telegram from Buffalo that Chapman had escaped from prison. This makes matters worse. No reply from Powder R Directors. Wrote them my mind.
	11 May, Tue	[No entry]
	12 May, Wed	Cable from Moreton Frewen again promising to support me. Dick Frewen who has been violently opposing me in every possible way was thoroughly disgusted with Moreton's duplicity and determined to give up the fight.
	13 May, Thu	Severe attack of the eyes. Inflammation of the conjunctiva the doctor says.
	14 May, Fri	[No entry]
	15 May, Sat	Frank Kemp went to Powder River to represent me while I am delayed by the dilatory Board of the PRCCo in Cheyenne waiting for money to carry on the Company's operations.
	16 May, Sun	[No entry]
	17 May, Mon	[No entry]
	18 May, Tue	Cable from Powder River Board saying they had decided to accept Post's loan. I cabled that I was going at once to Powder River. Eyes still very bad. Left Cheyenne by evening train for Rock Creek. Felt low in health owing to all the late worries & the inflam[matio]n in my eyes.
	19 May, Wed	Started at 7 AM on the weary 5 mile an hour stage journey to

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		Powder River. Weather remarkably fine. But stage crowded with passengers for the new Town at Fetterman. Didn't mind the tortures of the squeeze in the stage as my eyes were getting better.
	20 May, Thu	At 2 A.M. left 3 out of 5 passengers at Fetterman but picked up a woman & 3 children for Dry Cheyenne. From there to Powder River open trap which punished my eyes severely. Slept at Powder River where there was a wagon & a horse to meet me.
	21 May, Fri	Rode to 76 Home Ranch. Met Fred Hesse, Billy Lykins & F. Kemp. Settled plans of Powder R Co. & drove up to EK Ranch with Fred Hesse. Found Edmund Roche, Booth, Maxwell & John Coble. Fred Hesse had sent most of the boys to the Round ups. Only four boys at Ranch. Glad to be at my journey's end though there is a hard six months' work before me.
	22 May, Sat	F. Kemp came up. Helped me to tackle Chapman's a/cs. All in confusion. But hope to get things straight after a while. The EK Ranch is beastly dirty. We have no cook & nothing to eat. No butter eggs milk or fresh meat.
	23 May, Sun	Frank Kemp & I went to 76 Home Ranch to see first herd start for Alberta. Spent most of day surveying ditches on North Fork. Got a good bath and sheets to sleep in at the Home Ranch. Great luxury.
	24 May, Mon	Started first 76 herd to Alberta and returned to EK Ranch.
	25 May, Tue	Worked surveying all morning. Then drove over to F Hesse's ranch on Crazy Woman. Got letters from Pater, Moreton Frewen, Windsor, Chaplin & others. My position is beset with difficulties. I believe I could get through if I only had physical strength. My health might break down hopelessly under such a strain. With so many watching me I am still free from any possible rebuke.
	26 May, Wed	Came into Buffalo. Heard a very bad account of Roach Chapman's escape. It was treachery to his friend the sheriff who gave him liberty on the strictest possible parole. Buffalo dull. Spent day trying to straighten up Company's a/cs & doing Powder River & Frontier Co. business.
	27 May, Thu	Wrote letters nearly all day. Did some Ranch business and drove out to Fred Hesse's house on Crazy Woman where I had a comfortable sleep.
	28 May, Fri	Returned to Ranch & found FAK Bennet's partner. Couldn't remember his name. I met him with Bennet in Cheyenne.
	29 May, Sat	Business at Ranch.
	30 May, Sun	At Ranch.
	31 May, Mon	A crowd of cowboys who had been "lying round" the Ranch waiting for the Round up moved out which was a great relief. We had heavy rain - I got wet through but got back to the Ranch & had a comfortable change □ which was a godsend to the country. We were getting dried up far too early. Spent most of day giving out horses to men going on Powder R round up.
	1 Jun, Tue	Powder Round up began. No strike visible. The cowboys I have spoken to condemn the preposterous demands of the new Knights

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		of Labour. A batch of letters.
	2 Jun, Wed	A/cs & business all day.
	3 Jun, Thu	Morning with Round-up doing foreman's duties. News arrived from Nowood country that EK & 76 men were not obeying orders. Subsequently appeared that they could not read them! Sent over definite instructions dictated to Fred Hesse & written in his clear hand. Went to Peters & Alston's Ranch for night. Met Ralph Stuart Wortley just arrived. He told me that Lingham, who has never answered my letters, had "spoken very highly of me"!
	4 Jun, Fri – 6 Jun, Sun	[No entry]
	7 Jun, Mon	Drove over to Crazy Woman 76 Ranch & picked up Fred Hesse. Went on to Buffalo where we slept. Did a lot of business for EK & 76 outfits.
	8 Jun, Tue	Drove with Hesse to near mouth of Prairie Dog where we camped with first 76 herd being driven to Alberta. The country we drove through was all farmed by irrigation. It looked beautiful. But I believe it wears a very forbidding aspect in winter time.
	9 Jun, Wed	Spent the whole day "classing" the herd. 2806 head. Day insufferably hot & work very tedious. Drove back to Sheridan where we slept.
	10 Jun, Thu	Started at 3 A.M. Breakfasted at a road Ranch & got to Buffalo about 10. Dined & had a batch of letters which had come in and drove to Crazy Woman. Here I had left Fred Hesse's team and we hitched up & drove over to the 76 Home Ranch where we arrived at 1 A.M. We drove 85 miles this day, the most I ever did in private vehicle at a stretch between sleeps.
	11 Jun, Fri	Spent day down Powder River arranging the movements of the second trail herd which was camped on the River about 4 miles above the old Post. Began to look as if we should not get the full number of cattle. Of course if this fails the Frewens will lick up my blood! Drove back at night to EK Ranch with Hesse arriving very tired at 1 AM. Was delayed at cow-camp by driving into the barb-wire fence at night cutting one of my horses badly. Got two mules to finish journey.
	12 Jun, Sat	Very tired after my trip. Had lots of business to do but could not get ahead with it.
	13 Jun, Sun	Went down to mouth of Salt Creek & met John Nolan just in with EK wagon from the Platte Antelope Round up.
	14 Jun, Mon	Started three 76 and 1 EK man over the mountains to join Nate Champion's wagon & try to get some Alberta cattle.
	15 Jun, Tue	Went down to 76 Ranch for the mail. Got the usual huge weekly pile of letters.
	16 Jun, Wed	Wrote letters all the morning & afternoon. In the evening rode over to Willie Peters.
	17 Jun, Thu	Rode across the mountains □ dined at Jim Winn's and camped with John Nolan's wagon on Tensleep. Long tiring ride. My trip over the mountains was for general Range management

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		but chiefly to try & get more cattle for Alberta, the herds I am gathering turning up very short.
[Peirce]	18 Jun, Fri	Moved camp to the crossing of Paint Rock. Rode down to Round up at mouth of creek. Saw my old Big Horn Basin friends □ Johnny Pierce [sic] & his boys & some others. Barring Johnny they were not cordial at all. They have been talking of shooting me all winter as I have been made the scapegoat of the attempt to reduce wages. I think I shall outlive it. But it is unpleasant being scowled at & talked at by the blackguards.
	19 Jun, Sat	Rounded up at mouth of Paint Rock.
	20 Jun, Sun	Rounded up at crossing of Paint Rock. Had a delicious bath in the creek which is one of the nicest mountain streams in the country.
	21 Jun, Mon	Moved camp from Paint Rock to Buffalo Flats Creek. Went on circle and saw cattle worked. Then rode over to Tensleep to meet Winn. Slept the night there.
	22 Jun, Tue	Rode back to Round up on Broken-Back. Went & saw Booth's Ranch up the creek. Good house location. Began to catch Alberta cattle.
	23 Jun, Wed	Left mouth of Tensleep at 4 AM & rode over the mountains on the Buffalo trail. Meant to go to EK & then to NH 76 Crazy W[oman]. But missed the turn off to EK and therefore went to 76 Crazy Woman Ranch direct. Missed the way in the flat at foot of mountains. Had not been there before. Had about 75 mile ride & arrived about 7.20 thoroughly exhausted.
	24 Jun, Thu	Rode over to EK Ranch & found Maxwell & Booth and a huge pile of letters. Too tired to do much writing. Much annoyed by letter from Secretary of Powder R Co evidently written by Moreton Frewen in the most snubbing spirit. Also letter from M.F. saying that he regretted my disagreement with Dick: that it was none of his making.
	25 Jun, Fri	Wrote the whole day. 14 letters, 30 pages in copy book. Very hard letters some of them. Have decided to appeal to shareholders of Powder R Co against the Directors per Beckett Denison.
	26 Jun, Sat	Rode to Bar W Ranch looking for Round up which was at South Fork Corrals. Only found they had passed by when I got to Murphy Creek. So then went on to see Tisdale & missed seeing him. Could not find his Ranch. Got some bread & jam from a freighter. Horse played out on my return to 76 Home Ranch & I had a terrible hard piece of work to make the journey. Had to get off & pull the horse along several times. Arrived 9 PM very tired, hardly able to walk. Must avoid these over fatigues.
	27 Jun, Sun	Returned to EK Ranch & wrote hard.
	28 Jun, Mon	Spent day surveying ditch for 76 outfit in Cañon.
	29 Jun, Tue	Drove over to 76 Crazy Woman Ranch en route for the Alberta 2nd & 3rd herds on Tongue River. Slept in Buffalo. F Hesse with me from Crazy Woman. In Buffalo heard that Sam Brown the "Tin horn gambler" horsethief, robber & murderer of Powder River Crossing had shot a deputy sheriff sent to arrest him. If he gets hanged the country

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		will certainly be that much to the good. Got a letter from Whitton from which I gather that M.F. is dictator in Powder River Co affairs. But I have the moral support of shareholders.
	30 Jun, Wed	Business in Buffalo prevented getting beyond Sheridan. Despatched letter to Beckett-Denison explaining position of affairs and authorising him to call special meeting & represent me if he thought it necessary.
	1 Jul, Thu	Arrived at camp at "Big Springs". Classed out 1000 head to Lykins. Charley Ford, whom we had sent to Alberta to look out the trail returned. He makes a most intelligent report of trail & range. He confirms my impression of Alberta □ a good country but small. Like any other cow country, overstocking will ruin it and it is doubtful whether leases will prevent overstocking.
	2 Jul, Fri	A very hard day's work classing cattle. Got through some 3500. Heat intense. This year my nose keeps peeling & is very sore. However this is only a small discomfort. Lips would be far more annoying.
[Star K]	3 Jul, Sat	Drove up Tongue River to the *K Ranch where I had to select some thoroughbred stock to go to Alberta. At night drove to Sheridan where we arrived at midnight.
	4 Jul, Sun	The Glorious Fourth! Woke up to a blazing hot day again. Drove to Buffalo, stopping for dinner on Piney [Creek] where I had strawberries by the gods! This country with its short hot summer will grow anything under irrigation. Kept awake all night in Buffalo by bed bugs.
	5 Jul, Mon	Drove via Crazy Woman 76 Ranch where I left Fred Hesse to EK Ranch. Got a long letter from Pater in bed from bronchial attack dictated to Conny. But thank God there is no cause for alarm. Rather sick from overwork.
	6 Jul, Tue	Felt very unwell & had to stay in the house all day. Got through lots of a/cs though.
	7 Jul, Wed	A/cs & correspondence.
	8 Jul, Thu	Granging on North Fork.
	9 Jul, Fri	Went over to Crazy Woman to send Fred Hesse to Miles City to try & undo the bad feeling against the Company resulting in the Alberta cattle being seized for taxes.
	10 Jul, Sat	Returned to EK Ranch & went to work as usual on a/cs & correspondence.
	11 Jul, Sun	Physically a day of rest. But the mail arrived & gave me a heavy correspondence to look after.
	12 Jul, Mon	Went to 76 Home Ranch to class out Cattle from Rawhide.
	13 Jul, Tue	Rawhide cattle arrived, 417 head & 120 calves. Returned EK Ranch. Nate Champion's wagon had pulled in. Had to discharge Nate as I had no more use for him. Unpleasant duty as he is a

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		good man. But only being able to keep either Nolan or Champion, kept the former as being the better all round man & the better handler of men.
	14 Jul, Wed	[No entry]
	15 Jul, Thu	Went over to NH Ranch to superintend hay making. The smell of hay always awakens feelings the antipodes of the associations of this unhomely unromantic country. Worked at survey of proposed NH ditch from west side of Beaver Creek.
	16 Jul, Fri	Left NH Ranch & went via EK to 76 Crazy Woman Ranch.
	17 Jul, Sat	Drove F Hesse's team to Buffalo. Met F Hesse returned from Miles City where he had done all that could be done to get things straightened out. Learnt that Gladstone had been thoroughly beaten in his attempt to stir up the masses against "the classes".
	18 Jul, Sun	Returned from Crazy Woman to EK Ranch. Mail carrier brought up news of Pater's almost complete recovery from bronchial attack. Thank god.
	19 Jul, Mon	Wrote letters all day. Stuart-Wortley came over to us. Nice intelligent boy.
	20 Jul, Tue	[No entry]
	21 Jul, Wed	[No entry]
	22 Jul, Thu	Surveying at N.H.
	23 Jul, Fri	Spent day tallying horses.
	24 Jul, Sat	Went over to cross section ditch at NH.
	25 Jul, Sun	Went over to 76 Cow Ranch en route for Buffalo.
	26 Jul, Mon	Argued before County Commissioners re the Powder River Co's taxes for /85. Did other business & returned to 76 Cow Ranch on Crazy Woman.
	27 Jul, Tue	Returned to EK Ranch. Found lot of business letters to answer. At night news came that George Gordon, one of our best and our oldest hands had broken his leg on the other side of the Mountains. Maxwell & I determined to go over & look after him.
	28 Jul, Wed	Maxwell & I rode over the mountains. Hot weather below. But we were nearly frozen by a hail storm on the top. Went to Bar X Bar Cow Ranch on Tensleep & there found George Gordon in the hands of a Buffalo Doctor with his leg set & apparently in comfort, though of rude description for such an accident. Leg broken (by horse falling) high up on thigh. Cowboys very kind. But a room full of them, all smoking, and two fast ladies from the "Hog Ranch" on Spring Creek did not contribute to his repose.
	29 Jul, Thu	Made all necessary arrangements for George Gordon's nursing and returned to Bar X Bar Home Ranch. Winn away.
	30 Jul, Fri	Rode over to NH Ranch. Did some ditch surveying & rode over to Peters & Alston's Ranch where Alston, the nicest fellow in the world, had arrived. Got wet to the skin by a thunder shower & was glad to get into dry clothes.

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	31 Jul, Sat	Spent day engineering ditch at NH Ranch. Slept at E.K. If I had had a couple of lessons in engineering how easy it would be compared with puzzling it out for oneself. However it is a very simple branch of engineering.
	1 Aug, Sun	Rode back to Peters & Alston's.
	2 Aug, Mon	Surveying at N.H. Ralph Stuart-Wortley is very good naturedly doing Rodsman for me. One of the cowboys has served an apprenticeship in an engineer corps & can figure out the quantities. So I am in luck in my assistants. Rode back to Peters & Alston's.
	3 Aug, Tue	Alston having two very uninvited guests □ middle state yankees of the lowest order – came to the EK Ranch for the night in hopes that they would be gone on his return.
	4 Aug, Wed	Alston & I returned via NH where we surveyed all day to his Ranch. Little brother of my old schoolfellow Cosmo Little arrived yesterday at EK. He is prospecting for a business out west.
	5 Aug, Thu	Surveying at NH all day. Peters & Alston's at night.
	6 Aug, Fri	Surveying at NH all day.
	7 Aug, Sat	Spent day at EK Ranch arranging for Coble to start out on the beef gather. Had a bilious fit which made Coble's whole presence intolerable. He is the essence of bad breeding. But a man can't help his breeding.
	8 Aug, Sun	Went via NH to Bar C Ranch.
	9 Aug, Mon	Surveying at NH and living at Bar C. The luxury of the Bar C compared with other Ranches is very enjoyable. Good food served by a man & wife who take pay to serve and do act as servants, good clean beds, prettily furnished house. Pleasant people who talk about things not appertaining to cattle are as pleasant as the morning & evening swim Powder River at the foot of their lawn.
	10 Aug, Tue	Still at NH working at the ditch.
[Streatfeild]	11 Aug, Wed	Fred Hesse, Little, Streatfield [sic], Stuart Wortley & I surveyed at NH all day & rode over to EK Ranch at night. Maxwell & Booth there.
	12 Aug, Thu	Spent day writing letters & in evening went to Bar C Ranch to mail them. The others except Booth & Maxwell went North.
	13 Aug, Fri	Spent day surveying at NH Ranch. Am getting to understand the art of leveling.
	14 Aug, Sat	Took my first day's rest for three months. Did no business. Went for a short ride with Peters & Alston and slept half the day.
	15 Aug, Sun	Returned to EK Ranch & answered my letters. Had to write 15 □ some long. The weather, till now insufferably hot, just begins to cool off. When it does the weather is generally glorious.
	16 Aug, Mon	Took letters to 76 Home Ranch & did other business.
	17 Aug, Tue	Went to NH Ranch & worked hard at the surveying of the Ditch.

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	18 Aug, Wed	Worked all the morning at the irrigation works on Beaver Creek & returned to EK Ranch to attend to a heavy Powder River Co correspondence.
	19 Aug, Thu	Went over to NH and attended to ditch work.
	20 Aug, Fri	Engineering at NH.
	21 Aug, Sat	Engineering at NH & slept at Peters & Alston's.
	22 Aug, Sun	Rode early to EK Ranch. Then after making parting arrangements with Maxwell & others drove to 76 Crazy Woman Ranch.
	23 Aug, Mon	Changed teams, drove to Buffalo where I had much business, sent my team to Trabling. Drove to Powder River P.O. 72 miles' drive & heavy day's business in Buffalo. Bad preparation for the journey of the morrow.
	24 Aug, Tue	Oh the dreary weary ?Moor land. Started on the stage – a cowboy & Chinaman for companions □ for Rock Creek. What misery. Heat dust cramps aches, alkali water, filthy food mostly “canned”. Short sleep then wake up with a blow on the head from the top of the coach whither hurled by the resistance of a boulder, arrive Fetterman 10.30 and yawn round the old fort for five hours waiting for the other stage. Misery misery.
	25 Aug, Wed	Reached Rock Creek at dark. What a relief to see the train again! I talk as if I had been out of civilisation for 10 years. But 3 months of work from 5 AM to 9 PM is equal to many years while each day is fresh on the memory.
	26 Aug, Thu	Arrived Cheyenne 10.10 AM. Found very few here. Chaplin just married, Gilchrist & F Kemp only people I have business with. Very tired & worn out. Should like a week or two's rest. But I find I must get me to Alberta via Superior as soon as possible. It is too hard a life for me. I am wearing out my weak constitution.
	27 Aug, Fri	Very busy with Frontier & Powder River Companies business. Still it was a part rest.
	28 Aug, Sat	Resting
	29 Aug, Sun	[No entry]
	30 Aug, Mon	Left Cheyenne for Omaha with Gilchrist. Had long discussion of Frontier affairs with him. Outlook not bright whichever way one looks at it. Liquidation best hope. But how?
	31 Aug, Tue	Omaha for breakfast. Met Windsor who showed me some lots he & I had purchased together □ he doing the selection. Thought them well chosen. At noon Moreton Frewen arrived & we had a cold business meeting. He told me all herds had arrived Alberta and so I telegraphed to find out whether there was any good in my going. Left in evening for St. Paul & Superior or Alberta according to what I hear at St. Paul.
	1 Sep, Wed	Arrived St. Paul 11.30. Waited in vain for a telegram & lost a day. Place crowded by State Fair at Minneapolis and Grand Army reunion. Saw General Logan in the Hotel & recognised him by his caricature in “Puck”.
	2 Sep, Thu	Went to see Lodge, agent of Tile Co. He did not know company had bust. No telegram & so decided to go straight for Alberta

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		without further delay. Took 7.30 train for Winnipeg.
	3 Sep, Fri	Arrived Winnipeg 5.25. One can feel that either business is quieter or is done in a quieter way than in U.S. Great change from St. Paul! Streets very broad, not paved. Some large buildings strung together by long rows of wood shanties. Hotel like an English in [sic]. Fusty smell, 3 waitresses to wait on a dozen tables. No hurry & fuss. Town asleep. People saunter in the streets. Place killed by the extravagant boom of /82.
	4 Sep, Sat	9.40AM from Winnipeg for Calgary. Prairie scenery with its most monotonous monotony. Like Nebraska but not rolling. Perfectly flat. On the C[anadian].P[acific].R[ail].R[oad]. they have adopted the 24 hour system. Thus 4 PM is 1600. 12 midnight is 24. This abolishes AM & PM & is I think a good plan.
	5 Sep, Sun	My plan was to go to Calgary & thence by stage to Ft. Macleod, returning by Lethbridge & Dunmore. But arrived at Dunmore I found a train ready to start for Lethbridge. It was only a coal train & took 8 hours to go 109 miles.
[plug – horse]	6 Sep, Mon	Hired a plug at the Livery stable & rode to Macleod 30 miles. Country flat. Rivers (Old Man’s & Belly) had fine bottoms. Whole country appeared fertile and capable of agriculture. At Macleod talked to everybody & learned all I could about the country. Met Lykins & heard about the drive. 300 cattle died or strayed. Remainder 6800 arrived in good condition.
[more nearly 30 miles]	7 Sep, Tue	Rode a played out 76 plug to Mosquito Creek where [E.W.] Murphy had hired a Ranch for the winter. Ride of 54 miles about. Very tired. Saw a good deal of country & begin to understand it. Shall I think be able to write an intelligent report.
	8 Sep, Wed	Drove with Murphy 15 miles down creek and looked at the cattle. They were in very good fix. The country is covered with the finest feed I ever saw and I have no doubt the cattle will winter well. Started out on another plug to ride into Calgary 52 miles about at 1 P.M. Supped at Sheep Creek half way. Rested & started out into the night at 8 P.M. horribly tired & not altogether hopeful of getting through in time to catch the 3AM train.
	9 Sep, Thu	Caught my train with an hour to spare. Plug held out bravely. Had great difficulty after the moon set (1 A.M.) to find my way. The road had been all fenced up □ every half mile had to strike out on some new trail or simply in any direction However got in, woke up a livery stable man & got on to the train & slept like a log. At Dunmore I got my “valise” by Billy Lykins who came from Macleod via Lethbridge. In the sleeper there was a bath and I did enjoy a wash all over & clean clothes.
	10 Sep, Fri	Arrived Winnipeg having made a very quick tour of Alberta. Had a night’s sleep in a quiet Hotel (Queens) which the failure to make connections gratefully forced on me.
[NPRR – Northern Pacific Railroad]	11 Sep, Sat	Left Winnipeg 9.55 AM & went to Duluth via Glyndon & Brainerd on the N.P.R.R. Arrived Glyndon about 8 PM & Brainerd 2 AM next day. There I had a 5 hour “lay over”. Found a hotel & a bed however & made the best of it.
	12 Sep, Sun	Arrived Duluth. Met Lingham & Oliver who had been sent by Moreton Frewen away from Cheyenne to my great annoyance as I

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		was not ready to move the office. After a long talk with Lingham over ways & means I went to the feeding barns [at] night to have a good inspection early in the morning.
[CSPM&O – Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha]	13 Sep, Mon	Looked over the feeding place with Lingham. Found the farm wonderfully improved and the prospects of feeding for this season decidedly good. Got into train on CSPM&O R’y at the yards and headed for Omaha at 10.45 AM. Got to St. Paul at 5 PM & went straight on.
	14 Sep, Tue	Arrived at Herman early and found Alexis & Watson. Plunged into the books and made the horrible discovery that the Herman property had lost us \$25000 in less than a year. This is hard on me as I left it entirely to Gilchrist. He spent our money like water. But I did think he had used good judgment. The result is terrible. In the evening Windsor came along.
	15 Sep, Wed	Had intended to leave this morning, but decided to take another day at the books and write up arrears of correspondence. Also gave A.C. Roche, Windsor & me an opportunity of discussing future of Company. I figured the possibilities of cattle feeding and demonstrated that there is no money in “fatteries”! We should try & sell it & break up the Company.
	16 Sep, Thu	Left early & took train for Douglas. Met J.N. Tisdale of South Fork & learnt a good deal about irrigation from him.
[C&NWR – Chicago & North Western Railroad]	17 Sep, Fri	Arrived at Douglas, supposed by the inhabitants to be the future town of Wyoming. It is on a sandy flat on the north bank of the Platte in a most unfavored looking desert location. Still if the Cheyenne Northern crosses the C&NWR there, no doubt there will be the town. Took public Hack to Fetterman where Tisdale & I supped. I bought a canvas overcoat, well lined, for \$9.00 and we hitched up his team & went to Brown Springs. 20 miles.
	18 Sep, Sat	Drove over the wilderness to 17 Mile Ranch, 45 miles.
	19 Sep, Sun	Drove to Powder River where I met Booth or rather he met me with buggy & pair. We went on together to EK Ranch where I found Maxwell. I started on my trip Aug. 22 and arrived today. That is 29 days traveling. From this deduct 7 days on which I did not travel □ leaves 22 days. In this I did 151 miles horseback, 183 stage, 262 buggy, 4691 train = 5287 miles in 22 days or 240 miles a day.
	20 Sep, Mon	Had hurried back to go over the mountains where our feeders are being gathered. Expected F Hesse to be ready to meet me on arrival yesterday. He came today & we had a great pow wow.
[= Two Bar]	21 Sep, Tue	Rode via NH over mountains and stopped in rough quarters at Ranch for the night. 42 miles.
	22 Sep, Wed	Nooned – if dinner at 10.30 AM is thus implied □ at Shield Ranch only 10 miles on my way. Overtook a cowboy & a miner en route from Sundance to Washakie. We heard the round up was on West Bridger Creek and were directed there. I had never been out there before. Night overtook us while searching for the Round up and supperless & bed-less we had to camp out & wait through the long night for the guidance of the sun. In the division of saddle blankets the cowboy & miner insisted on my having a third share as I had only one & they had two each & over coats. I slept

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		fairly till midnight when it got too cold. This is the first time I ever got left out without bed or food.
	23 Sep, Thu	Very early I got up and began "prospecting" around for signs of the Round up. As soon as the moon & morning star began to give place to the light of the sun I started horseback for a reconnoitre while the others waited in camp. I soon found our wagon only ¾ mile from where we gave up the search. Breakfast & above all the camp fire (we had been in long grass & did not like to light a fire as it was windy) were most cheering. The cowboys, to whom I did not wish to expose my mishap, began asking whether the Hotel I stopped at was kept on the American or European Hotel plan.
	24 Sep, Fri	Worked the EK cattle some 700 head rather young feeders. Arranged for Sam Barrett to drive the beeves & Nolan to return to the EK.
	25 Sep, Sat	Started at noon and rode to the Shield Ranch. There there were two stinking bunks and 5 cowboys to occupy them. We could only sleep two in a bunk, they being only 4 ft wide. Two slept on the floor and the rest of us slept in the bunks. My bedfellow stank & snored. I slept not a wink.
	26 Sep, Sun	Rose an hour before daylight and rode off sleepless. Stopped for breakfast at the Ranch & then made the Bar C Bar after inspecting the irrigation works at the NH. Peters & Alston had left for the year. Millais & a brother were in the mountains. Stuart-Wortley was beef driving. So I was alone at the comfortable Ranch. However I had solid comfort and enjoyed it.
	27 Sep, Mon	Back at the EK very fagged & tired. After dinner Fred Hesse came over and he & I had a hard afternoon plotting & planning to save the cattle this coming winter.
	28 Sep, Tue	All forenoon working away with Fred Hesse planning the autumn cattle campaign. In afternoon tackled the accounts for Aug. & Sept. of the Frontier Co.
	29 Sep, Wed	Letters came up. Gilchrist wrote in despair of the Frontier Co, Fred Verney wrote nastily about the Tiles, there was the usual muddle in the Powder River correspondence and Maxwell heard his mother had been ill & decided not to winter out here. This upset all my winter plans. Later in the day he determined not to go home unless he heard further. I decided to telegraph Edmund Roche to come up. Spent whole day sunrise to sunset & beyond at a/cs & letters.
	30 Sep, Thu	Working nearly all day at letters & a/cs. Went out for a short walk with a gun to look for rabbits & ducks in afternoon. How riding takes away one's walking powers! Saw 6 ducks & 1 rabbit but did not get a shot.
	1 Oct, Fri	Rode over North Fork land & did business at Ranch.
	2 Oct, Sat	Surveying on North Fork middle ditch. Found I had made a mistake in the levels last year. Wagon returned from Douglas after shipping beef.
	3 Oct, Sun	After a morning's business at Ranch rode over to Crazy Woman

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		en route for Buffalo.
	4 Oct, Mon	Rode early into Buffalo on Powder R Co business and also to see Tebbetts & write up the a/cs of Tebbetts & Co for the year. Tebbetts & F Hesse came in together. I spent most of the afternoon & evening with Tebbetts and we agreed that the affairs of the Co demanded some strong measures. We decided to sell if at a sacrifice.
	5 Oct, Tue	Finished up my business in Buffalo and returned to 76 Ranch on Crazy Woman. Spent much of the night trying to teach Fred Hesse "Double entry".
	6 Oct, Wed	Rode over to EK. Shot a hare (jackrabbit on the Plains) with my 6 shooter. Not very good eating. On arrival found Old Paddy the greyhound Alexis brought out to the Ranch had died. Paddy had been with us from the start & was quite "one of the family". Poor old dog. He had lived a hard life. Badly poisoned once, torn by wolves & badgers, scalded by prickly pears □ his fighting days had been full of adversity. He was the most amiable & bravest of dogs. The latter quality I did not think could appear in a greyhound.
	7 Oct, Thu	Letter writing & business galore. In morning did some surveying for old Pete in the morning. F Hesse came over to talk matters over & intends staying with me till I go.
	8 Oct, Fri	A/cs & business correspondence all day. The weather is perfect now. Hottish in the day but delightfully cool night & morning. We sit after dark with a blazing fire & doors & windows open □ a healthy combination I think.
	9 Oct, Sat	Business all morning at Ranch. Then Hesse & I went to Bar C Ranch where also went Jim Winn, two of the Finches (Clem & Dan).
	10 Oct, Sun	Fred Hesse & I started to go over the mountains to overlook Round up work. Find 76 & EK wagons on top of mountains. Camped with them. Miserably cold. Sun, hail, rain and cold fog. Had to sleep 3 in a bed. I slept □ or rather lay □ in the middle. Man on right snored terribly & man on left ground his teeth. It was like going to bed with a blast furnace at one ear and a grist mill at the other.
	11 Oct, Mon	Got up early & was very glad when the cook began to prepare breakfast at 4.30. Laid out 76 & EK plans for finishing Fall work and rode back to EK. Booth & Charlie Quin still up in mountains. Maxwell alone at EK. Set to work to finish up affairs, pack up & start. But was too tired to do much.
	12 Oct, Tue	Spent the day finishing up my work at the Ranch. It poured heavily all day. Sent buggy to Home Ranch so as to get to 17 Mile Ranch next day.
	13 Oct, Wed	Got up early & rode by dark to Cow Ranch where I breakfasted & gave final "granger" instructions. Then rode to the Home Ranch & drove in buggy to the Post & 17 Mile Ranch. Thus I did 55 miles.
	14 Oct, Thu	Buggy carried me to Brown Springs 45 miles. This is 100 miles towards Cheyenne from EK Ranch. Stage going to Rock Creek was 10 hours late. Left buggy & got into it at 3AM after a good sleep. Breakfasted at Fetterman. There two passengers got out and

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		one <input type="checkbox"/> a traveling dentist <input type="checkbox"/> got in but this belongs to the morrow.
	15 Oct, Fri	Traveled all day. Weather warm and pleasant.
	16 Oct, Sat	2 AM arrived at Rock Creek. Train goes East 4.40. Went to bed for 2 hours' sleep. Arrived Cheyenne 10.10 having made my "close connections" from Ranch to Cheyenne. Found Jim Winn & the two Finches "painting the town red". Plunged into business of which there was a great pile of arrears awaiting me.
	17 Oct, Sun	Mostly a day of rest. Some letter writing. What a comfort to be back in civilisation. The 5 months I have had of it may not be much. But when one gets up before the summer sun & works to bed time the days are terribly long.
	18 Oct, Mon	Boughton arrived and we went hard into the affairs of the Frontier Co. We determined to divide up the property & so try & secure individual control. I shall probably take a share in all the properties about proportionately so that I cannot be accused to taking off the cream & leaving my associates & backers the skim milk.
	19 Oct, Tue	Windsor arrived & joined our counsels in the Frontier crisis.
	20 Oct, Wed	Figured hard all day and arrived at this result. Feeding is impracticable for want of funds. Gilchrist wants to take the Crow Creek property. He appears to make a very liberal bid. But the property turns out to be the best in the company. After advocating division all the year & declaring that he will take any part of the property & any one can outbid him he seems irritated at the idea of anyone bidding against him.
	21 Oct, Thu	Windsor left. I worked hard all day at the gigantic task of dividing up the company.
	22 Oct, Fri	Business
	23 Oct, Sat	Business
	24 Oct, Sun	Business
	25 Oct, Mon	Worked hard all day. Gilchrist left for Omaha in a not very amiable frame of mind.
	26 Oct, Tue	Went by early train to Omaha. In great hopes I don't have to come back. Boughton with me & we talked over Frontier Co. future prospects.
	27 Oct, Wed	Arrived at Omaha. Met Windsor, Coble, Alexis & Gilchrist. Boughton & I making six Frontier men representing most of the capital. Gilchrist's cloven hoof began to show itself. He was determined to get Crow Creek & did all he could to Bulldoze me out of it. We all fought & wrangled with more or less graces. The day closed with nobody knowing their own mind & nothing done.
	28 Oct, Thu	All day figuring on the division of the property. No decision arrived at. The difficulty was that the Herman breakdown made a huge sacrifice on that property necessary. Windsor had Omaha man in with him to take it. I had had no time to make any arrangements and the property had to be sacrificed.
	29 Oct, Fri	Finally came to an auction of the 3 outlying properties of the Frontier Co. Windsor & Coble took Herman & Iron Mountain. Gilchrist got Crow Creek though Boughton & I bid him up

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		\$12,000 above the upset price. Then followed a lot of details of the division most difficult to arrange & which now that Gilchrist is out of it will devolve on me. Boughton & Coble went West.
	30 Oct, Sat	Consummating the division of the Co all day. Then went down to Herman. Agreed in morning to take a one third interest with Windsor & Coble in the Herman property.
	31 Oct, Sun	Worked all day at Herman accounts.
	1 Nov, Mon	Windsor came down & Lantry with him. We talked over ways & means for the Herman deal and the Frontier Co.
	2 Nov, Tue	Worked at the Books at Herman.
[FL&C – Frontier Land & Cattle Co.]	3 Nov, Wed	Went into Omaha. Had an interview with the president Neb[raska] Nat[ional] Bank. Gilchrist had concealed the indebtedness of the F.L.&C. Co and I told Yates all about it. Of course it is quite small for the property behind it. However Yates decided not to carry the company any further. Things began to look blue.
	4 Nov, Thu	Just in the middle of our financial troubles what looked like a crowning disaster befell us. A huge prairie fire started at Tekamah and swept over our lands taking hay stacks, fences & scattering the cattle. Alexis had taken all the men out to fight the fire. Watson & I were left in the office at the accounts. We had a miserable night. I could not sleep till 3 AM when I dozed off to be soon awakened by Alexis, who came in black from the fight declaring that all was lost except the barns. The cattle were gone he knew not whither &c &c.
	5 Nov, Fri	Early in the morning I got up to give the necessary orders as Alexis was played out. The first thing was to restore the ridge which was the only communication between the barns and the lands below. This was quickly done by a large force and then Watson & Sam Barrett went out to look after the cattle. By noon all reports showed that the damage would not amount to more than some \$2000 probably direct & indirect. Most of the hay had been saved. At night there was another fire to fight to the south. Watson & I fought it out after 4 hours hard work. It is not a pleasant task, the heat smoke & sparks being very blinding.
	6 Nov, Sat	[No entry]
	7 Nov, Sun	As usual an exceptionally busy day writing letters all day long.
	8 Nov, Mon	Held an auction of 200 calves. The whole thing was a farce. Those who came only wanted to loaf round the Barns & if they had any money were not going to risk it. So then Windsor bought the calves & their mothers & went to tying up in the barns. I left for St. Paul, Montana & Superior.
	9 Nov, Tue	Arrived early in St. Paul. Spent the day there finding a telegram from Hesse which made it unnecessary to go to Montana. Took night train for Superior.
	10 Nov, Wed	Arrived Superior early in the morning. Found Oliver. Went out to Barns & found Lingham in the midst of his cattle. Looked over the property & considered Lingham was doing very well. He is evidently a man of great organising ability and has now learnt

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		feeding.
	11 Nov, Thu	Went to Barns again & tried to get the hang of the feeding. Noted some strong & some weak points. Moreton Frewen came in by evening train to Superior.
	12 Nov, Fri	Went over to Duluth to try & borrow money. The credit of the company seemed to be very good, and I saw that the less I talked of its affairs the better it would be.
	13 Nov, Sat	F. Hesse, Wm. Mackenzie of Dundee with a Mr. MacMaster, Director of Powder R Co (now International Co) joined us. We discussed lots of business and he enlightened me a good deal on the internal affairs of the Co. In all matters past he seemed to support me and to be thoroughly in sympathy with me as are I hope the body of shareholders.
	14 Nov, Sun	Mackenzie & the rest of us went to the stockyards this morning. We all agreed that as far as one can tell without studying the a/cs, the feeding was likely to be a success this year. We went over to Duluth & saw Mackenzie & Mr MacMaster off to Fargo. I was very pleased with Mackenzie. It is delightful to have a fair honorable business man to deal with. Lingham left for Herman.
	15 Nov, Mon	Moreton left and I went over to Duluth to realise the proceeds of an arrangement he had made on behalf of the company for a \$30,000 loan. As usual the arrangement was incomplete, the Bank were scared, rated me roundly for the company's unbusinesslike way of doing business & talked as if it was a matter of bad faith rather than blundering. However by extreme candour I reassured the Bank and raised \$15000 on a fresh deal. Had I not done so we should have gone under. Worked nearly all night at Powder R Co business.
	16 Nov, Tue	Cold frosty morning. I took the little steamer at 7A M and clattered through the ice across the bay to Duluth. My train went at 10 for Herman where I was bound & I had business with the Duluth Bank. By 5 PM I was at St. Paul. Changed trains. Cold snowing.
	17 Nov, Wed	Slept uncomfortably as the train was evidently struggling with something, woke early to find we had come to anchor in a snow drift. It was the worst storm I ever saw. We were half buried in the drift. Fortunately we were almost at a station and only ¼ mile from a Hotel. A Hotel Runner offered to guide me & a few others to the Hotel. We started. But the storm beat us back. We started again & got there but it would have been better to go hungry in the "Sleeper" than face such a frozen hurricane for food. I felt sick after that ¼ mile struggle. One man vomited on getting into the warm. My thoughts are on the horrors of the first storm for the poor emigrant without capital, intelligence or experience.
	18 Nov, Thu	After 30 hours in the drift we were dug out. We then charged other drifts & stuck again. Then came a snow plough with two engines attached & finally delivered us.
	19 Nov, Fri	3 AM reached Missouri Valley Junction and at 10 AM Herman 48 hours late! The storms had come inconveniently. But Windsor had his cattle tied up & we only lost some hogs & a few calves. Round the plant there were drifts & mountains of snow. The snow was so deep that none of the fences were visible except at odd spots. This climate does not do things by half. Lingham was at

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		Herman figuring on feeding Powder River cattle there. But it did not pan out. I cabled E. Gray that the position of the Powder R Co was desperate & asked for £15,000 immediately.
	20 Nov, Sat	Lingham left. I spent the day working on the affairs of the H.J. Windsor & Co. here.
	21 Nov, Sun	Business all day. Had to decide again to [ends]
	22 Nov, Mon	Began to receive cablegrams from England on the Powder River crisis. Chief cable one from Gray stipulating M F's resignation as the condition of a saving loan. This was very right & proper as beyond question M F has been the ruin of the Co. Boughton & John Chaplin arrived & we talked over the affairs of the Frontier. We see our way to finance through for the next few months anyway, which is a great comfort.
	23 Nov, Tue	Still cabling backwards & forwards with the Powder River Company.
	24 Nov, Wed	[No entry]
	25 Nov, Thu	Business till 4 P.M. Then took train to Blair where Chaplin & I eat our "Thanksgiving" dinner with V.G. Lantry the vendor of the Herman lands. Coming back after a terrible stodge Fred Hesse met us at the train & came on to Herman. Late at night the Powder River Co's cattle, 320 head, arrived. (F Kemp cabled "Frewen signs paper agreeing not to interfere in affairs of Company & give up voting power for eighteen months.[?]")
	26 Nov, Fri	Sold 120 head Powder R. Co cattle & tied up 200 more. The Co pay H.J. Windsor & Co 8 cents a lb for weight added.
	27 Nov, Sat	Went into Omaha & did lots of Bank and other business.
	28 Nov, Sun	A very busy day as I leave tomorrow for Omaha, St. Paul, Superior, Chicago & N.Y.
	29 Nov, Mon	Started for Omaha by morning train. Blair met Windsor coming to Herman with 6 Pennsylvania millionaires. Went back of course in hopes of making a sale of the place or an interest in it. Then made another start by afternoon train. But the ass who took my bag to the station in the buggy drove down & drove back with the bag while I was taking the short cut. So I missed seeing Chaplin at Missouri Valley where he had gone to meet me. I took a freight & after a hard run across the snow boarded the moving train at California Junction.
	30 Nov, Tue	Got to St. Paul to find a telegram from Windsor to go back at once to Omaha. However I determined to get on to Superior & do the Powder River Co work there first. Took night train for Superior.
	1 Dec, Wed	Arrived Superior 5.15 AM. Thermometer 15° below zero. Snow deep: had difficulty scrambling up to the office. Found it locked & finally got into a Hotel where some all-night gamblers had kept the fire warm. Had a busy day in Duluth & Superior and prepared for a start in the morning.
	2 Dec, Thu	Drove in a sleigh □ the first time I ever drove in a vehicle without wheels □ to the stock yards. After a general inspection took train

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		for Omaha.
[CM&StP – Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul]	3 Dec, Fri	Arrived Omaha. Found Windsor most anxious for my arrival. Everything it seemed had miscarried in my absence. Pull all straight and left for Chicago. Windsor has got a good thing in Herman and I am sure I did wisely to go in with him as he may get good solid men in to help the finances. The danger is from the winter feeding which I don't believe in until there is a good market in Omaha. Then it will pay big. Left afternoon train CM&StP for Chicago.
	4 Dec, Sat	Arrived Chicago 2.15 P.M. Found the usual flood of telegrams. Noted, considered, answered & pocketed them. Had a good sleep.
	5 Dec, Sun	Left Chicago with Dick Ashworth for New York in Pennsylvania Limited. This train is the most comfortable in the world. It makes the 912 miles from Chicago to New York in 24h.55mn or 36½ miles an hour. Shakes one up rather of course.
	6 Dec, Mon	Arrived Everett House about 8 PM. Mackenzie called in & we sent a long joint cable to London telling Gray to send the money along at once & let us go home.
	7 Dec, Tue	Mackenzie & I worked hard at Powder River affairs at the office of John Paton & Co. A storm between Valencia & London broke cable communication & threatened to keep us in N.Y. till after the week.
	8 Dec, Wed	Ditto.
	9 Dec, Thu	Cabling & telegraphing all day over the Powder River crisis. Had to give up sailing today as I was to have done in White Star ship. Went to an exhibition of pictures at Union League Club. Awful daubs □ even I could see that. They were all exhibited by the owners □ also the artists who could not palm off such productions even on an after dinner Yankee.
	10 Dec, Fri	Money came at last □ not enough. But sufficient to stave off the inevitable collapse & give time for voluntary liquidation. Dined with Marquis de Mores. Met Henry George but did not get to know him. Went on board Cunard SS Servia after midnight.
	11 Dec, Sat	Woke up out of sight of land, out of reach of telegrams & letters. Servia a huge ship with powerful engines. Had good cabin but missed Deck cabin of Celtic & Adriatic. Sailed 5AM.
	12 Dec, Sun	438 but of this 58 done
	13 Dec, Mon	360
	14 Dec, Tue	312
	15 Dec, Wed	331
	16 Dec, Thu	374
	17 Dec, Fri	331
	18 Dec, Sat	345
	19 Dec, Sun	350 Queenstown 12.20 PM. Spent nearly the whole voyage writing a report for the Powder River Cattle Co. I should not wonder if it made rather a stir in cattle circumstances as it

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		certainly does not bull the business. It rather exposes M.F. But only by facts <input type="checkbox"/> not opinions and only so far as is necessary for the salvation of the Co & my own reputation.
	20 Dec, Mon	Liverpool 8 AM. London 3.30. Found Mary & children well & happy. Conny, Raymond & children ditto. Johnny was at Clifton with Ernle & his children to be among his constituents. Dined with Mary and went after dinner to Gray's lodgings to discuss the Powder River crisis with him & Mackenzie.
	21 Dec, Tue	Meeting of Powder River Directors. Moreton & Edward Frewen, Stibbard & Mackenzie present. Edward Frewen displayed a very hostile spirit towards me which however cannot be wondered at under the circumstances. I told the Directors all I knew about the circumstances of the Company. But very little was done. It seemed however that Moreton Frewen would agree to Gray's terms & that the money would be got.
	22 Dec, Wed	Powder River affairs occupy the morning. In the afternoon I go to St. Leonards on Sea where Pater has established himself for the winter in a large house (105 Marina). Found Pater looking far better than when I left him. He has a slight cough. But his digestion is evidently much better.
	23 Dec, Thu	Found St. Leonards a very dull place. Don't know a soul. However no doubt quiet & rest for a while will be a good measure after the work I have gone through. The sea air which I can let into my bedroom through two big windows facing out over the sea will do me good.
	24 Dec, Fri	Days won't vary much here. A drive with Pater & then a walk by myself, otherwise writing or talking to Pater all day long.
	25 Dec, Sat	Poor Pater. Xmas reminds him only of Dear Randal's death which took place 3 years ago on this day. This sad event for all of us was to our dear father the end of all his ambitions in this life. He has the deepest affection for me but he knows I have not the force of character or intellect which dear Randal had. Johnny may do well. But he has to get over the bad effects of the most useless <input type="checkbox"/> not vicious <input type="checkbox"/> life a clever man ever led.
	26 Dec, Sun	Feels like two Sundays running. But here they are all Sundays. Markby called to talk business with Pater which nearly gave it a week day feel. I wrote 17 letters!
	27 Dec, Mon	Yesterday night there was a violent snowstorm all over the south of Eng'd except the extreme South. At St. Leonards, Eastbourne &c there was no snow while in London traffic was stopped, thousands of wires were broken down & it is reported that 1 foot fell! This must be an error. But it is an exceptional storm.
	28 Dec, Tue	Mary's three eldest children came down. I was anxious to get to know them & so spend all the time I can with them. Dorothy & Alice are beautiful characters. Tommy I am doubtful about. His character seems purely animal & has to be broken in.
	29 Dec, Wed	Letter writing & outing with the children all day.
	30 Dec, Thu	Left Pater for a while & came to London whence after 3 days' business I go to Ireland. My presence is to Pater a pleasure & I contemplate giving up hunting in order to be able to do more good with my time. I may be old myself some day, though I doubt it, & shall then be glad if I have made some little sacrifice for my

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		old father.
	31 Dec, Fri	Business all day. Then took Mary to Savoy Theatre to see the Mikado. Dined her first at New Club.
	Year-end Summary	<p>I feel stronger than I did at the end of last year. What little good I may do in the world & so what little pleasure I may have depends on my health, so that is satisfactory. Otherwise 86 has been a hard year. My business has hardly improved owing to my unwisely taking the management of the Powder River Cattle Co. This has brought me into a little fight with the bitterest of foes Moreton Frewen. Most people concerned think me in the right I believe. But he is a very able man & not scrupulous in his weapons. Fortunately I have been very open & that seems to puzzle him. I have nothing to fear if I can only keep the truth & the facts in sight of everybody. The year brought me a great deal of experience of men & things & though I hardly read a book - having no time - I feel mentally stronger. My only "skeleton" is the fear that I may not be able to bring my family & friends through in their American investments under my charge.</p>