

1887 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	Teachtai 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.

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Events:

Mar-Dec – ‘Parnellism and crime’ articles (forged) published in *Times*
 19 Jul – Balfour’s coercive Crimes Act to suppress agrarian agitation
 9 Sep – ‘Mitchelstown massacre’ (casualties following rent strike demonstration)
 13 Nov – ‘Bloody Sunday’ – Radicals and nationalists clash with troops and police in London against imprisonment of William O’Brien

Government:

Prime Minister: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)
Chief Secretary: Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to 7 Mar; Arthur James Balfour
Lord Lieutenant: Marquess of Londonderry

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

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	1 Jan, Sat	Last business day in London. Dined with Denis & Otway Cuffe & had a final wail over the tiles of unhappy memory.
	2 Jan, Sun	Made a few calls and took evening Mail for Dublin. Very cold weather. Why on earth don’t they warm railway carriages.
	3 Jan, Mon	Arrived Dublin very early & did some shopping, hired a cook and came to Dunsany by late train.
[scurry – a short, quick race]	4 Jan, Tue	Hunted Neb at Dunshaughlin with Meaths. Nice gallop from Pelletstown which I did not see much of. Scurry from Waringstown.
	5 Jan, Wed	Rode to the meet of the Wards at Dunshaughlin. But it was freezing hard, a good deal of snow on the ground & no hounds came.
	6 Jan, Thu	JG Butcher, Johnny & George Fowler arrived to shoot. But the snow had been so terrific in the night that it was considered impossible in ?C---els. However decided to shoot in Clushagh & got 8 cock & some rabbits. George Murphy dined & shot. I can’t hit a haystack.
	7 Jan, Fri	The day’s shooting. Guns [Sir] John Dillon, 2 Fowlers, J Wilkinson, JG Butcher, GF Murphy & self – bag 10 cock, 5 pheasants, 11 rabbits. We dined 10 – Lady Fingall & sister, Fingall, Mary Murphy & George, Falkiner, JG Butcher, 2 Fowlers & self. A regular old Dunsany party.
	8 Jan, Sat	JG Butcher & the two Fowlers left. I drove over to visit the Fowlers en famille in the evening. “Louie” was beginning to show signs wear & tear. Why doesn’t such a good girl physically & morally, find a mate?
	9 Jan, Sun	Church at Agher. Then went out tabogganing [<i>sic</i>] which consisted of sliding down a steep hill on a board about 4 ft by 1½. The difficulty was to remain on the board when it jumped over ridges in the hill side. The pace was great but not the danger as we were so near the ground.
	10 Jan, Mon	Returned to Dunsany. Still 6 inches of snow on the ground. About 1 PM thaw set in.
	11 Jan, Tue	To Dublin by early train. Attended meeting Loyal & Patriotic Union. Speaking very good. Went to Castlemartin for the night.

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		Saw Castletown in Dublin & had short business talk. When we woke up in the morning the snow was entirely gone. Never saw such a miraculous disappearance.
	12 Jan, Wed	Left Castlemartin early, went to Dublin & came to Batterstown by Ward special. Hunted Silo. 2 Fair runs. Freezing hard all day. Excessive cold spoils half the pleasure of hunting to me. Came home to Dunsany at night.
	13 Jan, Thu	Business all day excepting an afternoon Call on NF Preston. Found him very miserable looking □ evidently much depressed & losing health. I fear his is a hard life. Dined at the Grange.
	14 Jan, Fri	Hunted “Domino” poor dear Chum’s old horse with the Meaths at Hollywood. Had a good gallop in the evening from Dunshaughlin in the Dublin Country & was carried very well. The old horse seemed to have taken his manners & sportsmanlike behaviour from his late master. Coleridge came home to spend a week with me at Dunsany. Nicest companion & best of friends.
	15 Jan, Sat	Coleridge & I hunted with Wards. I rode Silo. We were both thrown out by the Bush farm & saw very little of the hunt.
	16 Jan, Sun	Coleridge & I to Church at Kilmessan which is done up very nicely by the energetic & on the whole most worthy new parson. Then lunch with N.F. Preston. Then service at Dunsany. Dinner at Warrenstown, most cheery party of the usual neighbours.
	17 Jan, Mon	Hunted Neb with Wards at Kilrue. Got thrown out. Dined Grange. Did a good deal of business. Got cheery letters from Windsor & Beau Watson.
	18 Jan, Tue	We hunted at the Hatchet. Had a good gallop from Mulhussey to ground near Pratts. Well carried on Domino. Then a nice gallop Pratts to Summerhill. There Domino got a little knock on his ankle, so I telegraphed to Dunsany to get Neb ready. Rode to Dunsany, got on Neb & went to Culmullin. Met the hounds there & had a grand gallop into Summerhill. Only 5 up besides the huntsman & 1st whip. I was never better carried.
	19 Jan, Wed	A business day. Hugh Cullen came from L[ive]rpool with his son Edward to talk business & American prospects for the latter. In the evening the Trim Parson & his son dined & slept with same object. Missed a good hunt through Johnny Fitzsimmons cutting too much off Silo’s feet.
[X – Cross] [Reference to hunt poem by G J Whyte-Melville, “The Place Where the Old Horse Died”]	20 Jan, Thu	Hunted Neb at Garton X. Baddish day. Harvest home in the evening. Grand success. The great object of enjoyment was attained from 3 PM to 6.30 AM. Fingalls, Murphys, Leonards & Coleridge went in & dined. The last sang a very good & taking parody, The place where the old ass died.
	21 Jan, Fri	How little knocks me up. The hunt & Harvest home made me feel sick today. Good hunt at Laracor. Hunting all day. Coleridge’s visit ending. I drove with him to Lucan where he put me up for the night en route for Gowran Grange.
	22 Jan, Sat	Hunted at Castletown with Kildares. Rode Silo whose feet had grown down again. Good day. Drove on from Maynooth to Gowran Grange where I found Harry de R[obeck] & his wife & all the family except Jack the sailor. Emmy had two children with

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		her. She looked seedy enough though they say she has looked much worse.
	23 Jan, Sun	A Quiet restful day among easy going people. Just what I want.
	24 Jan, Mon	Drove back to Dunsany & got to work at correspondence &c.
	25 Jan, Tue	Hunted Neb & Domino at Dunsany. We had an enormous display of foxes but of course no sport from the place. In the evening we had a good run from Dunsauighlin via Lagore & the Fairyhouse to near Rathbeggan where we lost.
	26 Jan, Wed	Went with George Murphy to meeting of Meath Hunt Club at Navan. Trotter announced that it cost him £5000 a year to hunt the country 5 days a week & he only got £2500 subs[criptio]ns & £500 field money. He offered to hunt 3 days for same subs[criptio]ns. Eighteen present voted to recommend that his terms be accepted. Lunched heavily at Willie Jameson's & drove back.
	27 Jan, Thu	Business at Dunsany. Then at R[ock] Lodge, then called on Walter Goodman to discuss an abatement of his rent. Then drove to Rahinston for meet at Agher. Found a large party of hunting people.
	28 Jan, Fri	Hunted Neb & Domino at Agher. Bad day. Rode home & drove back to Rahinston.
	29 Jan, Sat	Drove to Wards at Dunboyne. Had goodish gallop. Huge crowd out. Weather open & pleasant. Came back to Dunsany. Rode Silo.
	30 Jan, Sun	Harry Fowler slept here. We both dined at Warrenstown.
	31 Jan, Mon	Meaths at Brownstown. Rode Domino. Wretched wild wet day. No sport.
[Col. Gerald Dease – Chamberlain at Dublin Castle]	1 Feb, Tue	Attended Levée in Dublin, asked Dease & Langford to let me in for nothing else.
	2 Feb, Wed	Hunted Wards, Batterstown. Rode Silo. Well carried fast 22 minutes. Wretched weather.
	3 Feb, Thu	Hunted Meaths at Batterstown. Good gallop from Pelletstown through Killeen to Hill of Glane. Well carried by Neb. Goodish hunt from Dunshaughin in evening. Dined at the Grange.
	4 Feb, Fri	Hunted Meaths, Summerhill. Rode Domino. -----y day, no sport.
	5 Feb, Sat	Hunted Meaths (rode Silo) Philpotstown. Good run from Trimleston in evening. Matthews A.D.C. missed his train and I took him in at Dunsany & clothed him & took him in to dine at Warrenstown. He is a little fellow with good manners & not much mind.
	6 Feb, Sun	R. Fowler, B Haig, Watkins, J. Roberts & J. Pollock dined & slept. G Murphy & T Leonard dined. The object of this meeting was to frame resolutions for a meeting of the Meath Hunt which was to be held here for the purpose of making arrangements for next year's hunting. We had a very jolly talk over the whole matter & came to, I think, wise decisions.

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	7 Feb, Mon	Meet at Dunsany with Hunt's meeting beforehand. The latter went off quickly & quietly owing to our having thrashed out the subject over night. A Committee was appointed to try & arrange with Trotter to hunt 4 days a week on reasonable terms & with the members to pay him a fair subs[crip]t[io]n. The Hunt was a failure. I rode Domino. In evening went to Dublin en route for Carlow.
	8 Feb, Tue	Left Dublin by 7.40 train for Bagnelstown. There found John Watson's trap & went to Ballydarton. Hurried through breakfast & went to meet on J.W.'s mount at "Fighting Cocks". Had very good day's sport though a biting East wind limited the possibilities of brilliant runs. Old Robert Watson & the hounds are worth going a long way to see. Found Watson's people, a Father, Mother & 3 daughters very kind & hospitable. Old Booth & his daughter both there. We had much ranching talk.
	9 Feb, Wed	Left by train for Lucan after looking over Ballydarton & talking with old Watson over Beau's affairs. Put up for night with Coleridge & his sisters.
[prose –talk, chat, (colloquial)]	10 Feb, Thu	Came to Lismullin meet. Rode Neb. Freezing hard, ground iron. No sport until I left. Hugh Cullen came to Dunsany by early train. But amused himself all day in solitude. Stayed the night & we had a great after dinner prose. Hear they had a good hunting run from Slators to Ross plantations after I left.
	11 Feb, Fri	Seemed to have caught a chill yesterday. Very sick feeling. Hugh Cullen & I talked business all day. In the evening 2 Murphys & Oliver Brighton dined. Froze hard all day. Ground quite unfit. But Trotter was out & ran from Pelletstown to Dunsany.
	12 Feb, Sat	Too seedy to go out today. But had lots of writing to do.
	13 Feb, Sun	Packing up most of the day as I am to hunt tomorrow & go over in the evening to England.
	14 Feb, Mon	Rode Domino with Wards at Kilrue and went over by mail boat to London.
	15 Feb, Tue	Meeting of Powder River Board, present Edward Frewen, Richardson, Mackenzie & Stibbard. I gave in my resignation which all except Edward Frewen were anxious for me to reconsider. I declined to do so. I told Mackenzie privately that if I reconsidered the basis would be £600 for last year, £600 for this, Frank Kemp assistant with £400. Absolute control. Dined at St. Stephen's Club with Johnny and looked in at Strangers' Gallery.
	16 Feb, Wed	Breakfasted with Richardson & Bennet at St. James Club. Mackenzie came in after. Of course it was to discuss Powder. Dined with Mary.
	17 Feb, Thu	Went to 105 Marina, St. Leonards to Pater. Found Conny & Raymond.
	18 Feb, Fri	Conny & Raymond left. St. Leonards is duller than dull. In fact I suppose it is like any other seaside place where one doesn't know a soul.
	19 Feb, Sat	Wrote all day & went on constitutional. I suppose this will be my daily routine while I am here. The shortness of life can be best

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		remedied by spending a few days in every year at St. Leonards.
	20 Feb, Sun	[No entry]
	21 Feb, Mon	Pater had to go up to his dentist. I was glad to go with him & so we went to 7 Grosvenor Place for a few days. I dined with Cloncurry.
	22 Feb, Tue	Dined with Ducie. Powder River business took up nearly the whole day.
	23 Feb, Wed	Powder River business all day. Dined W. Beckett M.P., 138 Piccadilly. Met Ernest Beckett Denison M.P. again. He was my schoolfellow at Eton. He is not much changed, has married an American wife. Pater returned to St. Leonards.
	24 Feb, Thu	Returned by an early train to Pater at St. Leonards.
	25 Feb, Fri	[No entry]
	26 Feb, Sat	W D Watson Smyth came to St. Leonards for a few hours & talked great nonsense. But it was a great relief to see a visitor & my eccentric pal was welcome.
	27 Feb, Sun	At morning service the Parson read the whole 39 Articles & stated that he swallowed them whole. But he let us off the sermon. What does the word wretchedness in the articles mean.
	28 Feb, Mon	Went up to London for business. Went twice to the city on the business of that troublesome Powder River Co.
	1 Mar, Tue	Went by 8.5 train to Romsey & spent day at the Berthon boat factory. Found Old Berthon as much up in the clouds as ever. Really things do begin to look up. The French are giving the company very large orders, & if other governments follow suit it is a really good spec[ulation].
	2 Mar, Wed	Met Pell at the Carlton at 11. Had a talk on Western affairs. Then took papers for Pater to Markby, all the deeds I could find at No. 7. Went on to the City, saw the Kemps and met one Stephen Menzies a Liverpool man of considerable American business experience & apparently a good business connection. Mackenzie had asked me to meet him. We had a great talk on the future of cattle & mixed farming. Our ideas coincided & he begged me to write a book!
	3 Mar, Thu	Henry Gaskell, Raymond & I went down to Stone House, the late Archbishop of Canterbury's house which Pater took some years ago near the North Foreland. It is now in the hands of Rev. E D Stone an old Eton master who is starting a school to which we are sending Tommy Ponsonby next September. I liked the physical aspects of the place & Stone had a good deal of human nature about him for a pedagogue. Dined with Ducie.
	4 Mar, Fri	Lunched with Johnny at Junior Carlton [Club] & then came to St. Leonards with Mary's children. Found Pater just recovering from a bilious attack. Went to the St. Leonards Chess Club but found a low order of chess. One man had both his bishops on same colour for some time before his opponent found it out.
	5 Mar, Sat	Spent the whole day writing business letters.

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	6 Mar, Sun	St. Leonards.
	7 Mar, Mon	Took Mary's 3 children to see some caves on the hill above Hastings.
	8 Mar, Tue	[No entry]
	9 Mar, Wed	Mary came to St. Leonards.
	10 Mar, Thu	Hunted at Bexhill with East Sussex hounds, Charlie Egerton mounting me on a couple of good horses. Country very unsporting □ too many woods. Field very tailorish. Rode back with Charlie Egerton to The Banks, Robertsbridge where he lives in bachelor quarters, the main house Mountfield Court being left for life to his Mother, Lady Mary Egerton. Charlie had a sister (Georgina) staying with him. He & I talked cattle in America, the Frewens & the Dakota & Powder R. Co. troubles till late hours.
	11 Mar, Fri	Had a walk over a pretty county with Charlie Egerton in the morning and came back to St. Leonards by train. News from the Ranch very bad □ 30 to 40 per cent loss expected.
	12 Mar, Sat	Worked hard at letters in the morning. Went long walk with Archibald Scott in afternoon & went to the Scotts in evening with Mary to hear some blind singers.
	13 Mar, Sun	[No entry]
	14 Mar, Mon	Mary & her 3 eldest children left after dark for Biarritz. She is certainly the best of mothers & has the best of children.
	15 Mar, Tue	[No entry]
	16 Mar, Wed	Came up to London for Dentist & business.
	17 Mar, Thu	Dined St. Oswald, Pell, Cloncurry & J. Winn at St. James Club to talk over Ranch affairs. Very busy day.
	18 Mar, Fri	Met the Board of English & Scottish American Mortgage & Investment Co., 105 Leadenhall St., to talk over doing their agency in Nebraska mortgages, in connection with Windsor. Then attended meeting Powder River Board which took the whole day. I refused to make terms for continuing management. Company must go into liquidation.
	19 Mar, Sat	Met Corlett, my Cheyenne lawyer, & AH Swan at the Metropole at breakfast with Mackenzie. Got late at night back to St. Leonards.
	20 Mar, Sun	Wrote 29 letters, the usual accumulation after a day or two absence.
	21 Mar, Mon	Business letters.
	22 Mar, Tue	Business all the morning. Got a letter from Jim Winn saying Sir John Lister Kaye had come from America with a scheme for a £2,200,000 land & cattle Co, the cattle of which he wanted me to manage. He also proposed to buy up Powder & Big Horn Cos. I flew up to London on the latter grounds. Met Kaye & found that he had the wildest scheme I ever saw, but he had the support of the Gov't of Canada & the Canada Pacific R'y. Found Johnny just home from an all night sitting of the House.

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	23 Mar, Wed	Had another interview with Sir John Kaye & mastered his scheme. Agriculture on a large scale by a company, the very last business a Co can make profitable. The Cattle part of the scheme I criticised rather too severely I fear. But it was wild. I went then to Ld. St. Oswald & found he ?took same idea as I did but thought the Gov't & Railway backing might lead to something. Returned to St. Leonards.
	24 Mar, Thu	Very busy all day.
	25 Mar, Fri	Busy arranging papers &c. Took leave of Pater over night as I had to go by early train in morning. He said "The day that you give up America will be the happiest day of my life". Poor dear father. I often bemoan my fate in having to adopt a way of life so unsuited to my tastes & interests. But it is harder for you. You love me and are in return entitled to my companionship at least!
	26 Mar, Sat	Shopping. Dined at New Club with Denis Lawless.
	27 Mar, Sun	Valentine & Bee Cloncurry, old Lady Cloncurry, Sir John & Lady Lister Kaye & Denis Lawless dined with me at New Club to talk over Sir John's scheme. We hope he may buy up Powder R Co & all its troubles & also the Big Horn Co.
	28 Mar, Mon	Business all day. Met Gray, M[a]cKenzie, Beckett, Lds. St. Oswald & Wharncliffe, Richardson, Stibbard & the Kemps at Gray's office to discuss policy of lenders to the Co at tomorrow's meeting of Co. Dined Corlett at Criterion & took him to 'Dandy Dick' a very good farce at Court Theatre.
	29 Mar, Tue	General meeting of Powder River Cattle Co. M. F. attacked me savagely & told more falsehoods in a short compass than I ever heard. There were only about 30 shareholders present and no one seemed to care to answer M. F.'s speech. But after the meeting I was more than ever pressed to resume the management. I said I would send the terms on which I would do so to the liquidator.
	30 Mar, Wed	Left London by evening mail for Dublin after a busy day.
	31 Mar, Thu	Arrived Dunsany and spent day at business.
	1 Apr, Fri	Did a good deal of business & hunted with the Wards. Rode Domino. Not a good day.
	2 Apr, Sat	XVI Lancers had their races at Fairyhouse but I had to stick to business all day. Wrote to Fitch Kemp my terms for taking on the Powder R management again. Henry Maxwell came in the evening to have a Western talk before my departure.
	3 Apr, Sun	Church at Kilmessan, lunch Swainstown, dinner Warrenstown.
	4 Apr, Mon	Spent whole day at business. In evening had general meeting of Dunsany Cooperative Stores. Murphy, Leonard & Coleridge, who had just come for the night, dined.
	5 Apr, Tue	Had my last hunt. Rode Silo with Meaths at Sion. Coleridge rode the young mare and Domino. Fair hunting for the time of year. Coleridge left.
	6 Apr, Wed	Left Dunsany morning train after settling the normal crowd of questions which came up at the last moment. Got to Dublin where I left Maxwell & saw Hugh Cullen of Liverpool & H.C. of Liscarton about Dunsany Cattle. Saw Shiel about Live weight and had some hours with Mackenzie who had come from Scotland to have a last word on Powder R matters. Did some shopping & then went to Castlemartin where I found Willie Blacker, his sister &

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		Gerty de Robeck. The latter was there at my request. She had written some foolish letters telling me she meant to marry a certain Captain Mitchell whom she didn't care about but who was to release her from the ennui of home life. I persuaded her not to do herself & the gallant captain such a wrong.
	7 Apr, Thu	Left Castlemartin early & caught mail train from Dublin at 8.29 at Kildare. At Cork met H. Townsend & talked over Mary's affairs. On Board saw Tom Hare, who was seeing Jim Winn off. Usual class of passengers. Jim had two Yankee friends, a Mr. & Mrs. Hickox, who seemed very nice & very American.
	8 Apr, Fri	335 from Queenstown. Weather cold, fine.
	9 Apr, Sat	390
	10 Apr, Sun	390
	11 Apr, Mon	370
	12 Apr, Tue	345
	13 Apr, Wed	245 Weather horrible. Highest sea I have seen on Atlantic.
	14 Apr, Thu	?225
	15 Apr, Fri	405 – 125 to Sandy Hook.
[dolce far niente – sweetness of doing nothing]	16 Apr, Sat	Landed early & went with the Hickoxes to Murray Hill Hotel. I felt better after the voyage & the “dolce fa niente”.
	17 Apr, Sun	Found Lingham now in the employ of the Marquis de Mores with salary, so he says, of \$20,000. Tom Sturgis called on me & told me of a scheme he had on foot to pool a large number of Ranches with Nelson Morris' interests in Chicago. I became bewildered in millions but ultimately began to see that it was an attempt to make cattle paper a medium of speculation. I shall go in if it is at all likely to succeed.
	18 Apr, Mon	From what Lingham told me M.F. is going ahead with his lawsuit & will probably wreck the Powder River Cattle Co. beyond redemption. Dined at the Hotel & went with the Hickoxes to Daly's Theatre. Saw the Taming of the Shrew □ the tamest play I ever saw. Spent the day worrying over Powder affairs.
	19 Apr, Tue	Sturgis & Lane dined us (Jim Winn & me[]) & took us to Jim the Penman, a real good play of the drawing room detective kind.
	20 Apr, Wed	Worked at Powder River finances at Paton's. Things seem in a very alarming state. Wanted to have left N.Y. this morning. But detained waiting for cable from Mackenzie which came late in the day & then did not tell me what I wanted to know.
[Streatfeild]	21 Apr, Thu	Left N.Y. by 9.50 AM Limited train on N.Y. Central. Gets to Chicago, 981 miles in 25 hours. Luxurious traveling & good track which makes it easy going. Streatfield [sic] & Jim Winn with me.
[American Cattle Trust – first vertical integration of US beef industry with cattle, feeding farms, a packing plant and contracts for tinned beef. Liquidated 1890.]	22 Apr, Fri	Arrived Chicago 9.50 AM & went to Leland. This hotel nice while new is now smelly & bad. I at once set to work to write up for Jim Winn's & my shareholders the whole story of the American Cattle Trust proposals. Worked hard at it nearly the whole day & I think covered all the points.

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[C&StPM&O – Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha]	23 Apr, Sat	Up early in the morning, finished my report & took it to a typewriter man to whom I dictated it and after writing some letters went by 10.35 train on CStPM&O train to Superior. Just before starting Jim Winn got a cipher cablegram which we took to mean that his directors had made a sale of his land but which afterwards turned out to be what should we take for it! Jim Winn stayed at Chicago.
	24 Apr, Sun	4.50 P.M. Streatfield [sic] & I arrived Superior where we found Geo. H. Pope, Lingham's lieutenant & Oliver, the Company's book-keeper, ready to meet us. The place looked beautiful under the blue sky & over the still frozen lake. The air was keen & bracing, the last nice weather we shall have as the cold spells for the next month will only be snowstorms & rain storms. Of all popular delusions commend me to beautiful spring. It takes the cake.
	25 Apr, Mon	Spent day at the books & general finance. Found Superior to be the most backward place for its pretensions I ever was in. It is a nice & cultured town in a beautiful site. But there is not a hotel where you can get a meal clean enough for a dog to eat.
	26 Apr, Tue	Went to stock yards & found all going smoothly. Handled many of the cattle & found them miserable in condition. They seem to take on their beef fairly in front but to taper away to nothing behind.
	27 Apr, Wed	Spent day at a/cs. Found that the probable result of Superior feeding would be a loss of from £7000 upwards. This can easily be shown to be chiefly due to Moreton Frewen's interference last Fall.
	28 Apr, Thu	Cabled Kemp to send me £2000 to carry on the business. Wrote him at great length as also to Mackenzie. Drove out to the yards with Sulphin and talked over a proposed company to buy the Superior outfit from the Powder River Co.
	29 Apr, Fri	Took morning train for St. Paul & Herman.
	30 Apr, Sat	Arrived Herman about 10 o'clock. Found Windsor & Beau Watson winding up the accounts, the cattle all being gone. Went into a Profit & Loss statement with Beau & found that we had lost, though how much cannot say as all a/cs are not in. The markets beat us. With good markets we should have made a good profit. But there is no money in Fatteries. Windsor went to Omaha. I determined to have a quiet Sunday with Beau.
	1 May, Sun	Spent day at a/cs & riding over the bottom lands. Yesterday & today sweltering hot with high south wind.
	2 May, Mon	Changed suddenly in the night. I was sleeping in the little office room with windows & door open & the change of the wind to the N nearly froze me. Spent day in Omaha doing business with Windsor & looking over my real estate investments. Took evening train for Cheyenne. Had good fortune to have W.C. Lane for traveling companion & had opportunity thoroughly to discuss the American Cattle Trust.
	3 May, Tue	Arrived Cheyenne evening. Found F A Kemp, Winn, Quin & Boughton of Englishmen and many Western friends. I was welcome which is always pleasant.
	4 May, Wed	Very hard business day.
	5 May, Thu – 7 May, Sat	[No entry]

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	8 May, Sun	Still delayed in Cheyenne waiting for funds to carry on Powder River Company.
	9 May, Mon	Booth arrived in evening & brought instructions to oppose the American Trust scheme for Alexis & Edmund Roche. He also brought the news that Alexis Roche has made himself so unpopular among neighbours that we shall have to do all our work ourselves. I had heard this from several quarters & have no doubt it is true. I expect a rocky time when I get up.
	10 May, Tue	Had a Frontier Co. informal meeting to discuss "Trust". To be or not to be. Present Gilchrist, Boughton, Chaplin, Quin, Booth & self. All agreed that we did not like the scheme but saw no less objectionable way of liquidating the debt.
	11 May, Wed	Business all day. Nettleton the Colorado engineer came into the office with some people from Boise City, Idaho to propound to Gilchrist a scheme of combined irrigation & general development by Railroad, lumber business, mining &c &c. Gilchrist offered to go in to the scheme with me and also to make joint investments in Real Estate in Boise City anticipating a rise when the R'y came in. Dined with Gilchrist & met Careys, the governor Captain Moonlight & wife.
	12 May, Thu	Finished up business & prepared for a start on the morrow. At last Powder River Co finances seem to be settled & I have hopes of having a "fair show".
	13 May, Fri	Booth & I started for Powder River. The way of going is greatly changed now. Cheyenne & Northern R'y to Chugwater. (Hi Kelly's). Then a very good stage line to Lusk. Train to Douglas, stage to Powder R. We got a few hours' sleep at Rawhide Buttes.
	14 May, Sat	A good br[e]akfast at Russell Thorpe's (the proprietor of the stage line) and off again to Lusk. There we took the train which Beau Watson was also taking from Herman. Got to Douglas & Beau & I took stage (a very miserable line this) to Powder R. Booth & Howard (of Stoddard & Howard) took a buggy to Powder R. The stage was crowded with women & children & two men besides ourselves. The motion made one man sick & the women & children could not stand it & laid over at Fetterman.
	15 May, Sun	It took nearly the whole day to get to Powder River & a miserable day this second day always is. It is almost impossible to keep awake but every time one goes to sleep a boulder or gulch rudely awakens one. At Powder R found Evelyn Booth, J.E.W.B's elder brother waiting for us with a buggy. He had wintered at the Ranch. We left him at "the crossing" to wait for his brother who would be up next day & Beau & I drove up by night to the "Home Ranch". It was pitch dark towards the end & so dark that walking in front of the horses we could not see the road. So we left it to the horses, one of whom knew the way & got back.
	16 May, Mon	We slept very heartily. In the afternoon we started up North Fork but met F. Hesse coming from Powder River & turned back. I had a day's discussions with Hesse & then tried to thrash out a policy for the unhappy P.R.Co.
[Lares & Penates – treasured household possessions (orig. Roman household gods)]	17 May, Tue	Drove to the old EK cow camp. Sturgis rode over from NH whither he had some two months ago transferred our Lares & Penates and met us. I soon found that all was going to the dogs. Alexis with all his ability had made so much mischief that the country was getting too hot for us all. Drove by the Red Fork trail to the N.H. Crossing Red Fork my baggage was submerged though I had placed my important papers & books out of harm's way. Found the NH ranch dirty & disorderly. Everything looked

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		the picture of shiftlessness.
	18 May, Wed	Worked hard at surveying & general overlooking the ranch & learning what was going on on the range. Sent a telegram to be followed by a letter begging the directors to go into the Trust so Alexis & Edmund saw no alternative.
	19 May, Thu	Went over to Bar C Ranch to see Stuart Wortley & hear more of the news of the country. My fears about Alexis' mismanagement more than confirmed. The position is most difficult as his people are on the verge of bankruptcy & are dependent upon him! At the same time the conviction grows on me that he never can make a success of any work where he has to control others. He is I fear of a hopeless temperament. Things are going badly largely through his mischief making & he has given up all hope and even wishes he were dead! I must place some one else in the management to save the fortunes of us all.
	20 May, Fri	Came over to NH in morning & on way stopped at Bob Coble's on Sheep Creek where a cowboy was lying paralysed with whiskey given as a remedy for snake bite. A man staying there over night had immediately & strenuously sucked the wound & I fear the snake less than the whiskey. There is no swelling on the hand where he was bitten.
	21 May, Sat	Finally decided to discharge Alexis. The mischief he had made in the country had made the outfit so hated that I had no hopes of their being able to do any good work this year. Thus I talked with Alexis in the friendliest manner & tried to make him mend his ways [□] he only indulged in counter abuse and showed that there was no hope of his doing different in the future. So I told him we could no longer work together and placed Booth over the cow outfit & Edmund over the 'granges' department.
	22 May, Sun	Alexis left. I was depressed at seeing him go. After 8 years' partnership I had hoped we might pull along together until we could part amicably. But there was nothing for it. His disregard of truth, want of education & above all his never having gone to a public school but having lorded it over stable boys when he ought to have been fagged & kicked have spoiled a man of great natural ability. Fred Hesse drove to NH in evening & told me Alexis had smashed my buggy to pieces. Finished up a huge budget of Powder & Frontier Co. correspondence for weekly mail.
	23 May, Mon	Spent day chiefly discussing Powder R business with F. Hesse.
	24 May, Tue	Mail came up. Very little news. T. Sturgis had not returned to Cheyenne & so nothing had been arranged with Trust. The Swans had failed. If the Company failed it would make great trouble in my affairs as we (Gilchrist & Plunkett) still owe 8 payments on the Ione Lands to the U.P.R.R. and the Swan Co owe it to us. Had a surveyor finding corners in NH pasture in morning.
	25 May, Wed	Rode over to North Fork cow camp where surveyor was locating corners for us. Then on to Crazy Woman 76 Ranch to attend to 76 business. Mrs. Hesse had fitted up a tent with a cot in it & a bath for me. Everything was most comfortable. So far I have had a very easy time of it physically compared with last year. Only trouble the feeling that I am in a losing concern & that bankruptcy threatens the company which I am hoping to save is ----- .
	26 May, Thu	Went with Hesse into Buffalo to mail letters, attend to taxes,

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		assessments & sundry business.
	27 May, Fri	Waiting in Buffalo all the morning & doing sundry business. Drove out to 76 ranch in afternoon.
	28 May, Sat	Rode about Crazy Woman in morning with Fred Hesse & spent afternoon discussing prospects of Ranch industry in general & Powder River Cattle Co. in particular. We came to the conclusion that there was nothing for it but to get out of the business as soon as possible. The herd we were satisfied was melting away and unless a sale were made bankruptcy was inevitable. We placed 14000 exclusive of calves as the lowest figure which could represent present herd in Wyo & Montana. How much more they may have we cannot say.
	29 May, Sun	Drove over to Home Ranch where I mailed my letters.
	30 May, Mon	Went via cow camp & EK Ranch to NH. Found Booth, Edmund & Watson taking hold with a will & apparently getting things into good shape.
	31 May, Tue	Went over to Bar C Ranch to get the mail. It came late & I stayed the night. Heard of the suicide of poor Harry Thynne. He was the bibulous son of a bibulous father (Ld. Harry Thynne). For his father's sins his father and his mother had cast him off. He had ability & eked out a precarious livelihood with his pen. He cowpunched for 76 outfit as M.F.'s protege in /82 & /83. But he never got a start as he always spent his small earnings on whiskey. Under good influence of kind parents he might have come round. As it was he blew out his brains.
	1 Jun, Wed	Returned to NH and went on to Home Ranch en route for Cheyenne. The hopeless state of the Powder River Co. finances make it necessary for me to be where I can do business. Hesse came over for parting instructions.
	2 Jun, Thu	Spent day with Rounde [sic] up on North Fork. Country almost deserted by cattle. Two wagons only where I remember 10 on the R[ound] Up. Saw some of the old Reece & Farr cattle. They are determined to live & die where they first located with their owners in /80.
	3 Jun, Fri	Drove down to old Post in lumber wagon, Bob Coble being my freighter. Could have got down last night and taken stage today. But I have a very heavy cold & choking sore throat. Not strange either. The thermometer jumped down from 100° in the shade to 45° in two days. The rivers are all up – and getting boots frequently full of water no doubt conduces to cold catching.
	4 Jun, Sat	Stage again, & jerky too for first 58 miles. But I had it to myself.
	5 Jun, Sun	3 AM arrived Douglas. Tired, seedy. Saw a doctor who gave me a combined swallow & gargle of bromidium, iron chlorate of potash & glycerine. Suppose it's poison. But anything to get rid of cold. No train today & glad to lay over. Wrote some letters.
	6 Jun, Mon	Train to Lusk, stage to Ft. Laramie. I was much better. While waiting in Lusk a pistol shot was heard in the street. I rushed out as everyone else did & found a saloon keeper battering the skull of a Dutchman with a six shooter which had accidentally? gone off. Another man was arriving with a shot gun when the combatants were separated. Afterwards a cowboy sententiously remarked "Ain't it strange the way everybody rushes into a row no matter how many guns are in circulation".
	7 Jun, Tue	Arrived Cheyenne. Found a large mail including another pamphlet from Moreton Frewen abusing me in a scandalous

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		manner. It is a failure of his as I shall point out in a reply he won't like.
	8 Jun, Wed	Business all day. Finlay Dun secretary of Swan Co dined with me. I interviewed Sturgis on the Trust. The Frontier will probably go in.
	9 Jun, Thu	Business all day. Am trying to sell Powder River Co cattle to get them out of the mess.
	10 Jun, Fri	Business in the morning. Took a half holiday though to see some races at the Fair ground. Chalk sportsmen or rather "sports".
	11 Jun, Sat	Got a cable from Mackenzie saying John Paton would meet debts of over £3000 middle June. This greatly relieved me as I should otherwise have had to give my personal credit to the company.
	12 Jun, Sun	Dined with Willie Peters & after dinner had a very straight talk to him about the cattle business and his financial position. I tried to show him that he was drifting along into bankruptcy and that he should cable Alston at once to come out and consider advisability of going into the Cattle Trust & taking some action to save their property from creditors. I may share the fate of the candid friend, but it surely was a kindness. I had to tell Alexis after dinner that I had overheard him saying that Booth & I had sacrificed him to cowboy popularity.
	13 Jun, Mon	Busy all day.
	14 Jun, Tue	Busy all day. In evening went to the Theatre to gaze upon Mrs. Langtry in "Peril".
	15 Jun, Wed	Business all day.
	16 Jun, Thu	Business all day.
	17 Jun, Fri	Finished up my business hurriedly and left for Superior by morning train. Travelled with Billy Irvine & talked over the Trust & other matters.
	18 Jun, Sat	Omaha 7.50 AM. The night had been the hottest I ever felt "in the cars". I was simply melting all night & felt half exhausted in the morning. Found Windsor & Coble. The former had one of his panics & thought bankruptcy was imminent.
[CStP&O – Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha]	19 Jun, Sun	Spent the day in St. Paul with F Kemp as no train went out till evening. Found a Chess Club, 449 St. Peters St., & played several games with nice people in a quiet way. Won all. Left 9.40 on CStP&O R'y for Superior.
[Oswald Streatfeild]	20 Jun, Mon	Arrived Superior 5.45 AM. Found Lingham, Oliver & "Streaty". Spent whole day at a/cs.
	21 Jun, Tue	Weather at Superior cool ☐ almost cold ☐ very refreshing after stewing further south. Went over to Duluth with Lingham to try & work up a scheme for combining Sulphin's slaughter house & cold storage with the Farm & Barns of the P.R.Co. Negotiations favorable so far & hope company may be formed. Anything to get such a white elephant off the company's hands.
	22 Jun, Wed	Trying to work up our scheme. Called on James Bardon & tried to work him in. He has land in middle of ours.
	23 Jun, Thu	Bardon, Lingham & I after a long consultation decided to go to St. Paul tonight. Left by 9.55 train.
	24 Jun, Fri	Arrived early at St. Paul. Saw General Hammond, the W. Superior magnate & negotiated with him to work up a scheme for getting some Railroads to buy the Superior property for stock yards. Bardon & Lingham left leaving me to see Hammond again after he had seen some R'y men.

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	25 Jun, Sat	Spent the day trying to work a deal of the Superior property with Gen. Hammond. Then went to the St. Paul Chess Club & cleared them all out. They tried their best men but without any success. Returned at night to Superior.
	26 Jun, Sun	Worked hard at a/cs & correspondence all day & returned to St. Paul by night train.
	27 Jun, Mon	Had to lay over the day in St. Paul. Did a little writing & talked “?sense” on Superior deal. Have to delay all chances of making a sale for almost a month when I shall have to return to St. Paul & Superior.
	28 Jun, Tue	Arrived Omaha. Met Windsor & talked over private affairs.
	29 Jun, Wed	Went with Windsor to see a small mill property at Waterloo, Nebraska belonging to John A. McShane in hopes of exchanging it for Herman. The property is not worth much & we should want a good deal “to boot”.
	30 Jun, Thu	Left Omaha for Douglas & Powder River. Left Windsor to do as he liked about Herman & begged him to write me & keep me “posted”. Correspondence is his weak point.
	1 Jul, Fri	Arrived Chadron 3.30 AM & went to bed. Started again in a freight train for Douglas at 7.20. At Lusk where we stopped for dinner I met Judge Carey. He looked gloomy over the cattle losses but said, “From now on the business will pay. We have learnt the capacity of our ranges & we won’t be such fools as to over-strain it.” Arrived Douglas 4.45 & started by stage at 7 for Powder River. Fresh horses □ four instead of two & we went along at a good pace. At midnight the lead horses broke & we, the passengers, had to chase them across the prairie in the dark. Caught one & had to give up fruitless chase after the other.
	2 Jul, Sat	Arrived Powder River 2.15. Fred Hesse soon came along and took me to the Home Ranch where I slept. The news to greet me was gloomy indeed. 75% of the stock and 10% steers stock is the least percentage of loss that the reports now indicate. A calamity indeed. The horrible suffering this entails is awful to contemplate. But we were innocent of intention.
	3 Jul, Sun	Drove up early to NH. Had long confab with Booth & Hesse about range work and then Hesse left me to rest a day or so from my journey & write up my correspondence. Booth I found doing first rate & Edmund too. Watson was thoroughly in touch with the business and all was working harmoniously & pleasantly. Now that Alexis is gone there is no disposition to blame partners for past misfortunes but only to make the best of bad job.
	4 Jul, Mon	Decided to send Beau Watson to Herman & Omaha to consult with Windsor over my affairs down there & generally to look after my interests. This is the first chance I have had of being in two places at once & it is a great relief. The Glorious Fourth passed quietly with us. The work went on as usual □ we had no whiskey □ not even an extra supply of good things for dinner.
	5 Jul, Tue	Beau went off. I explained to him my ideas as to the general lines on which I hoped to conduct my business in future. I think he will do well.
	6 Jul, Wed	Drove Stuart Wortley to Crazy Woman en route for Buffalo.
	7 Jul, Thu	Got a fresh team drove into Buffalo. They had just had a three days’ Drunk and the place was fuller than it had ever been before. The “streets” were crowded. I never before realised the quick

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		settlement of the country. Appeared before County Commissioners & fought the over assessments, 76 & EK having been returned on the basis of a 25% loss whereas we have lost 50%. Drove back to 76 on Crazy Woman.
	8 Jul, Fri	Spent whole day writing letters at Crazy Woman.
	9 Jul, Sat	Drove to the C where I slept & bathed. It is a delightful ranch in hot weather.
	10 Jul, Sun	Came to NH & wrote fresh batch of letters.
	11 Jul, Mon	Finished letters & sent them off. Rode down to 76 Home Ranch & back on EK business.
	12 Jul, Tue	Went to C for mail & returned to NH. Fred Hesse came to NH.
	13 Jul, Wed	Wrote most of my reply to M Frewen's last pamphlet. He is such an unscrupulous liar that there is nothing for it but to go for him.
	14 Jul, Thu	NH writing.
	15 Jul, Fri	NH writing & waiting for Voorhees the manager of the Trust to arrange range work East of mountains.
	16 Jul, Sat	[No entry]
	17 Jul, Sun	Writing hard all day until 4 P.M. when I went over the mountain to Jim Winn's Home Ranch. He was away in New York or Cheyenne fixing up with the Trust. Am due on Tongue River on 21st and was anxious to go direct. But can't wait longer for Voorhees & so must go & meet him.
	18 Jul, Mon	Rode on to WP Ranch where I found Voorhees & made plans for work on other side of mountains. Had a long discussion with Voorhees on the Trust and came to some conclusions together. We think the great dangers are the way the Texas men get in their herds, Gilmore & Union Cattle Co property terms of entrance, & Nelse Morris's payment for plant. The Trust we think workable. But very difficult. They can have good men.
Peirce]	19 Jul, Tue	Rode the 'steel grey' to Buffalo. I had counted on getting another horse from Johnny Pierce [sic] or should have ridden my horse slower the two days before. But Johnny's horses were all off on the tally Round up. So I started at 5 AM & rode till 11.30 AM. Then eat my lunch & rested my horse 2½ hours. Started off again and got over the mountain by 6.15 to Cook's ranch 57 miles in all. At 7.15 went on to Buffalo 15 miles further. But it took me till 12 M[idnight]. Had not been over the road before. Got in fagged to death. The journey of 72 miles on a played out horse in drenching rain over a mountain trail was too much for me.
	20 Jul, Wed	Woke early, 4AM & could not sleep more. Too tired I suppose. Went to F Hesse's son for my letters which he was to have got & found they had not come. So must stay in Buffalo for the day. Very glad for I didn't feel at all well.
	21 Jul, Thu	Drove with Fred Hesse to Pratt & Ferris' lower ranch on Clear Creek. 40 miles.
	22 Jul, Fri	Drove across country to Hanging Woman where we found the 76 beef herd near Grinnell's Ranch being held by Charlie Carter. Slept with his wagon. Thought over the advisability of sending the beef to market nearly all night. Decided not to unless very fat. Drove 55 miles.
	23 Jul, Sat	Examined beef & found it not fat. Good muscle but no tallow. Changed all plans & decided to ship later. Drove to Tongue River Ranch 60 miles.

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	24 Jul, Sun	Looked over the hay meadows &c and drove to Buffalo 50 miles. The traveling of the last 4 days is pretty good for our team 40, 55, 60, 50 miles.
	25 Jul, Mon	Spent the day in Buffalo with Pratt, Blair, Brown, Murphy & other cattlemen fighting the County Commissioners over taxes.
	26 Jul, Tue	Finished my report to the shareholders of the Powder R. Co in answer to Frewen's lies, and sent it to be passed on by Corlett before publication. It challenges Frewen to sue me for libel if he thinks my facts can be controverted. Made a speech before the County Commissioners demanding a reduction of taxes for EK & 76 outfits. Drove back to 76 Ranch on Crazy Woman.
	27 Jul, Wed	Drove with Frank Canton from Crazy Woman to EK Ranch. Found F. Voorhees, Dude & "Streaty" there. They had tallied 1637 cattle.
	28 Jul, Thu	Went over accounts generally.
	29 Jul, Fri	F Hesse came over.
	30 Jul, Sat	Finished up EK & 76 work & drove at night to Post with F Hesse. At Home Ranch met Dude & Edmund by appointment to talk over affairs generally of the Frontier Co. Things don't look encouraging & Edmund, who realises the position, is down hearted. Like Alexis he cannot stand adversity & shows bad breeding in it. He intimates that he has been ruined by his partners & when one comes to argue the matter with him he cannot show that he was in any way wiser than the rest of us.
	31 Jul, Sun	Arrived 3 AM at Post. Took stage for Douglas. Reached Douglas about 9 P.M. I was pretty well exhausted & slept like a pig. Had Colonel Pratt for fellow passenger.
	1 Aug, Mon	Train to Chadron. Hot & dusty.
	2 Aug, Tue	Reached Omaha in great heat. Found Windsor & Watson.
	3 Aug, Wed	Spent the day at my own affairs mainly, which was a change from the ever-haunting troubles of the unfortunate Powder Co. I ought never to have taken up that thankless task. It has come near ruining me. However of course I could not foresee the troubles we were to go through. I hoped to save Powder & my own affairs too.
	4 Aug, Thu	Left by night train for St. Paul.
	5 Aug, Fri	Spent day in St. Paul looking for Gen. Hammond & others & enquiring freight rates &c. Left by night train for Superior.
	6 Aug, Sat	Arrived Superior. Went to look for Gen. Hammond at West Superior, and Sulphin at Duluth. Found neither. Lingham not at Superior. Murphy writes to say he cannot meet me in Alberta. Must go to Nebraska. This is too annoying.
	7 Aug, Sun	Spent the day at the "stock yards". Found the remaining cattle (380) in a black cloud of flies losing flesh daily & in torture into the bargain. The horses ditto. Poor brutes. I never saw animals so bullied by Beelzebub. I rode over the property & also over Streaty & Ralph Wortley's "White Elephant" farm. The whole thing is a wretched "misfire". The ground is only second rate agricultural ground. For grazing the short season & flies are a frightful discount. The only hope for the property is a real estate boom. I think this will come in time. Lingham arrived.
	8 Aug, Mon	Worked all day at letters & accounts. Had to make up a financial statement for the Preference shareholders. They have a claim for

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		about £133000 (capital bonus & accrued interest) and there is only about £75000 to meet it with! This is horrible to have to tell.
	9 Aug, Tue	Same as yesterday & diarrhoea! Lingham left for St. Paul.
	10 Aug, Wed	Another day like the last two. The loneliness of this life is very depressing. Constant change of place & hard work nearly all the time hardly antidotes the fact of having no one to talk to or sympathise with.
	11 Aug, Thu	Ditto. Ditto. Went to W. Superior to try & sell the property to Gen. Hammond. Saw Bardon. Nothing definite. Lingham asks for option 20 days at \$50000 He could no doubt sell it if he took interest himself. Shall consent.
	12 Aug, Fri	Left Superior for Calgary. Got to Glyndon early next morning 3.25 AM.
	13 Aug, Sat	Lay on a sofa till 6 PM.[sic] Had breakfast & took train for Winnipeg. Went to Queen's Hotel. Was very sick with diarrhoea.
	14 Aug, Sun	Canadian Pacific R'y for Alberta. No interesting companion for the long journey.
	15 Aug, Mon	Feeling sick still. Mosquitoes pursued the train & made life unendurable!
	16 Aug, Tue	Arrived Calgary 12.50 AM. Woke up sick & found Murphy just returned from the Hot Springs of Banff some 80 miles west. He advised me go there & get quite well before I tackled the range. Nearly fell into the temptation but decided time too short. Stayed in Calgary one day to try & get well. Came to a thorough understanding with Murphy who told me that the Frewens had told him that I had tried in March /86 to get him out of his position.
	17 Aug, Wed	Drove to Martin's ranch on Sheep Creek 30 miles. He has done well in cattle & is now going heavily into horses. He is importing English stallions & Irish mares & means to breed hunters. I talked with him a good deal over the cattle business & warned him of the changes which were coming over the business. He is spending too much making himself comfortable and is I fear extravagant in other ways. He is clever but evidently does not look closely into detail & therefore I fear he will not succeed.
[line riding – keeping cattle within an imaginary boundary]	18 Aug, Thu	Drove to Mosquito Creek Crossing for supper 30 miles & then down the creek 6 miles to a camp where the cattle were being "line ridden". There I let Murphy go to attend haying & other business. I was getting well again & determined to make a big ride in the next six days & thoroughly examine the cattle range & business generally.
	19 Aug, Fri	Up early & rode out with 'Gene' Noble under foreman to look through the cattle. Gene (probably Eugene) is brother of "Zack"- (ariah) of Iron Mountain Ranch & is like him stupid faithful & honest. Found cattle in excellent condition & evidently mostly there. Rode 25 miles & in evening rode 30 more down the creek with bed on pack horse. From camp at mouth of Mosquito Creek took another boy to bring back pack horse. Camped in a cloud of mosquitoes. Nights damp cold.
[coulee – steep-sided ravine]	20 Aug, Sat	Rode to Eastern end of range north & south of Mosquito Creek. The grass which was not 'cured' near the mountains was nearly cured further east. The country was too flat. The coolies [sic] & creeks which afford the only shelter are few and far betw'n. But as long as so few cattle are in the country this is all right. My chief fear that the best part of the country, viz where the grass is short & "cures" will be irrigated & settled. Rode 60 miles fully

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		and slept at lower camp at mouth of Mosquito Creek. Was very tired.
	21 Aug, Sun	Bad food & little of it. Felt very weak. But up early & rode still with Gene W. [sic] to the "Leavings". Then down Willow Creek & up Front Creek to Windes Ranch & then on over on to Meadow Creek. Thence South through part of the Porcupines to the Walrond ranch on Beaver Creek where I sought the foreman "Doc" Fields. When I arrived was told Doc was at the upper ranch 24 miles W on the Old Man River. Gene went home when I was sure of my route. Rode 50 miles.
[Walrond]	22 Aug, Mon	By good luck the book keeper □ an intelligent man □ of the Waldron [sic] Co was going to the upper ranch in a buggy. So I took a lift for 24 miles, climbing up through the Porcupines in a NW direction all the way. Finally reached the ranch about 1 P.M. Doc Fields was very obliging & took me over the surrounding property. He had a nice lot of cowboys & from him & them I got all the information I wanted. I gathered that they had lost very heavily, that their country was a splendid summer country. But that the grass grew dangerously green & rank & did not "cure". Rode 10, drove 24 miles.
[Powder River Cattle Co. range, EW Murphy, Mgr; Mosquito Creek & Little Bow River, Macleod, Alberta, Canada]	23 Aug, Tue	Cold rainy foggy morning up in the mountains. Got a cowboy to show me the trail up to the top of the ridge lying to the East & expected to be able to find my way to the Oxley ranche by description. The distance was some 30 miles & I had only gone about 7 when my guide left me in a cloud with the usual infallible recipe for finding the way. I was to go to a certain ranch 5 miles further on & there enquire. I found the ranch. But there was no one there. Then came a difficult course without sun or compass but guided only by the watersheds. It took me 7 hours to get to the Oxley (Staveley Hill's) ranch. There the manager Pinhorne by name, & the foreman Patterson gave me further instructions. I did not stay long as I did not like Pinhorne's manner which was extremely cold. I rode then some 17 miles N to HB Alexander's Ranch. He was away. So after looking round I rode 7 miles on to our ranch on Mosquito Creek. With meanderings rode fully 60 miles. Pinhorne gave me fresh horse, very poor one by the way.
	24 Aug, Wed	Murphy drove my valise into Calgary & I rode over to Martin's 30 miles. There I stayed till 9 PM when I started out for a night ride to catch the 3.20 AM train at Calgary. Unhappily the night was wet & stormy & was the darkest I ever spent out of doors. At Martin's was a young Beaumont, brother of one in XVI Lancers whom I know. I was thoroughly played out & quite sick when I started on the ride. I was altogether unfit for such work. At midnight I could no longer see the road.
	25 Aug, Thu	After midnight my horse soon lost the road too. However using my matches & picked out the road across Fish Creek & within about 3 miles of Calgary. Then I must have got turned round for I got back to Fish Creek. Finally I got within sight of the lights of Calgary. But the roads were nearly all fenced up & I could not find my way to the Bridge. I found some Indian teepees but the inmates refused to come out or answer my shouts. I dared not go

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		in. So at 3 AM I unsaddled in a hollow among the hills South of Calgary & picketing my horse to my saddle which I made my pillow, I lay down & slept till first daylight. I did not mean to sleep as the ground was sopping and it was raining & blowing hard. Mooned about Calgary all day half asleep, did business with Murphy & made some more enquiries.
	26 Aug, Fri	Left Calgary by train 7.30AM. It was 4 hours late which gave me a long night's sleep which I so badly wanted. Indeed it cured me of my diarrhoea & stomach trouble which had lasted 3 weeks. The above record shows that in six days I rode 295 & drove 24 miles. Not bad considering the weak condition I was in. I think I thoroughly mastered the position of my employer's property.
	27 Aug, Sat	Arrived at Winnipeg. Went to see J.C. Mil---, a noted Unitarian minister from Chicago who had adopted the stage as a profession & renounced Unitarianism because it did not tally with the teachings of Darwin & Huxley, play Macbeth, one of my favorite plays. He murdered more than Duncan & his support was of the worst.
	28 Aug, Sun	Continued my journey & got to Glyndon whence took night train to Brainerd.
	29 Aug, Mon	Arrived Brainerd 2.25AM. Left again 7.30AM & got to Superior about 2.15. Found Lingham not yet decided whether to accept option on Superior property at \$50,000. This ended the most tiring trip I ever took, 17 days gone, 2620 miles by rail, 84 by buggy, 290 horseback. I feel washed out & diarrhoea continues.
	30 Aug, Tue	Lingham left for St. Paul. I worked at arrears of correspondence. Ralph Hickox to whom Jim Winn introduced me on the steamer at beginning April telephoned over that he was at Duluth. I had to go over to see Sulphin about a proposal he had to make to purchase this place, so I went over in the evening & slept there.
	31 Aug, Wed	Hickox proposed that we should take a trip to the Vermilion Iron range over the Duluth & Iron Range R.R. It lies about 100 miles NW from Duluth. Got through my business & decided to take a day's holiday. Telephoned to Lingham to come with us.
	1 Sep, Thu	Lingham came in from St. Paul early. He Hickox & I went "en prince" or rather in the President's car to Tower where we saw the iron mines. Unlike most mines the mineral is on the top of the ground & is worked in huge quarries. I never saw such a world of ore. It was most interesting. Hickox is the most liberal fellow in the world. But his insisting on paying everything is rather embarrassing.
	2 Sep, Fri	Powder R Business & a/cs all day.
	3 Sep, Sat	Went for a sail of a couple of hours with Hamilton, a Chicago lawyer, in the bay. He & his friends very lubberly seamen, stiff breeze □ would not have liked to go outside harbour. It was rather cold. But it made a great change in the day's business.
	4 Sep, Sun	Took complete rest of mind & body. Read up newspapers & wrote Pater. Only need companions.
	5 Sep, Mon	Went over to Duluth & made sale of Superior property to J. Sulphin for \$50,000. M. Frewen cabled Lingham that he intended to litigate & told him to warn off intending purchasers. The lands are partly in Frewen's name and L. holds them as F's attorney in fact. L. here sees his opportunity and blackmails me for a

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		commission or intimates he will bust the deal. Sulphin had offered me \$1000 com[missio]n which of course I refused. Determined to go over & ask S. to give it to Lingham who demanded \$1500.
	6 Sep, Tue	Went over to Sulphin's to try & get him to pay Lingham \$1000. He saw situation & decided to do so. I came back & found letter from Kemp (Aug. 23) saying F. had been ordered by the court to execute deed transferring lands which Lingham had p[ower of] att[orne]y over to Company. This takes away L.'s power for harm. But before knowing we were out of his power I telephoned him from Sulphin's office I would make it satisfactory. So I now take middle course and give L. \$750 if trade goes through. L. comes out very badly in it all & Sulphin very well. Frewen abominably.
	7 Sep, Wed	Busy at the closing up of the property at Superior.
	8 Sep, Thu	Busy all day. Lingham left. Trusting him I asked him to draw what was coming to him. He drew \$541 which balance he made up by most iniquitous expense charges. The man's a knave. My stomach still much out of order. I fear my health would never stand traveling about. Nothing but outdoor life with moderate amount of work really gives me good health.
	9 Sep, Fri	Hoped to get away yesterday but tonight went to Duluth to have final talk with Sulphin & left. Found Hickox who accompanied me to St. Paul.
	10 Sep, Sat	Went to Chess Club. Saw Mrs. Hickox. Saw some RR people on P.R. business & went on by night to Omaha.
	11 Sep, Sun	Met Beau & Windsor in Omaha. Saw many cattle men including W Sturgis & FE Warren (manager of Trust). Also John Clay Jr. with all of whom had interesting conversations.
	12 Sep, Mon	Took a day at my own business & talked over the affairs of HJ Windsor & Co. Met John Clay Jr. of Chicago who handles lots of Scotch capital. Tried to sell him Herman or get him to rent it. Went to Omaha stock yards to study feeder sales &c for 76 outfit.
	13 Sep, Tue	Took another day most to my own business. Had intended to leave for Powder. But decided to rest another day as I was run down & the journey was hard.
[CStPM&O – Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; FE&MV – Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley RR]	14 Sep, Wed	Left Omaha for Chadron on C.St.P.M.&O & FE&MV.RR. Long dreary day in train, usual western scenery or want of scenery.
	15 Sep, Thu	3 AM waked up & turned out on Chadron 3.30 A.M. Tried to sleep there. Started again 7.20 A.M. for Douglas. Reached there 5 P.M. Took stage 7 P.M. Very tired.
	16 Sep, Fri	Arrived Powder 12.30 P.M. Found buggy left by F Hesse & drove up to Home Ranche. No one there but old Tom Morgan & a messenger to be despatched to Hesse where to meet me. With him came to N.H. Have a very bad supper & go to bed thoroughly tired out.
	17 Sep, Sat	After a good refreshing sleep drove to the NH Ranch. Found Charlie Quin & Booth. The former who had hired out to us as tallyman had just returned from a race meeting in Cheyenne. He brought bad news of the Trust from Cheyenne. I fear it will have a bad repute. I see plainly that its organisation is faulty in the extreme that it must break down in a few years. They had a good chance of making a good investment but they have not done it.

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	18 Sep, Sun	Fred Hesse came over last night. Today I sent him to Douglas to look after the 76 & EK beef shipments.
	19 Sep, Mon	Tackled the EK a/cs. Found Edmund R. & Booth had made their entries in my books. This makes many hours' work to get things straight.
	20 Sep, Tue	After a long day at a/cs slept at Peters & Alston's to get the weekly mail. Charlie Quin, who does not want to go to the Roundup on South Fork & who I fear has been shamming sick, today gets as far as the Bar C, 7 miles.
	21 Sep, Wed	Working all day at a/cs at N.H. Charlie Quin went as far as Tisdale's, 15 miles more.
	22 Sep, Thu	Voorhees came over the mountain. I worked all day at letters & a/cs. Heard that Charlie Quin is lying over at Tisdale's. I now think he is a shirk of the worst kind.
	23 Sep, Fri	Voorhees went down to Powder River & I spent the day at a/cs, letters & c. Booth went over the mountain.
	24 Sep, Sat	Voorhees returned with a lot of letters. Hesse also got back from the R.R. I spent day at a/cs, correspondence & c & c.
	25 Sep, Sun	Wrote a pile of letters for the weekly mail on Monday & went over to Peters & Alston's to mail them.
	26 Sep, Mon	Rode over to N Fork to show it to Voorhees. A long ride in which a heavy man takes part, he being unaccustomed to that use of his muscles, is apt to give an insight into the man's character. A strong man should be seen tired in order to know him well.
	27 Sep, Tue	Letters & cables at night at Peters ranch.
	28 Sep, Wed	Wrote answers to my letters all the morning and in afternoon went to round up at KC ranch & slept with them.
	29 Sep, Thu	Sent mail & cables to P. River P.O. Went via Edmund's camp on N Forth to 76 Ranch on Crazy Woman. Took Charlie Quin with me.
	30 Sep, Fri	Went into Buffalo to meet Tebbetts & to see a dentist. The latter was not [in] & so I have to carry a pretty bad tooth until I can get to Cheyenne in 3 weeks. Found a "Fair" going on in Buffalo, races & c which I "took in". In the evening Tebbetts arrived. Some Buffalo citizens got me to play chess with them & to start a chess club. Queen Ringed pawn & blindfold play were about the mark.
	1 Oct, Sat	Made up Tebbetts' a/cs for the year. Another loss of some £600. The property must be sold out before further loss. Had 76 & EK business & could not get out.
	2 Oct, Sun	Sold Charlie Quin my interest in Tebbetts & Co (including their note for nearly \$4000) for \$5000 due by Frontier Co to him & his shares in same. If the Trust is a success this will bring me some \$9000.00. But this is doubtful. Drove out to 76 Ranch, Crazy Woman.
	3 Oct, Mon	Drove over to Bar C Ranch where Alston, Millais & Jim Winn were assembled. Had a cheery evening.
	4 Oct, Tue	Mail night at Riverside. I got a pile of letters & among them one from Windsor saying Herman was sold to Nelse Morris. This is a grand relief to me. Slept at Peters & Alston's. Jim Winn, F Hesse, C. Carter (J.W.'s newly appointed foreman) were there.
	5 Oct, Wed	Spent most of the day writing Powder River Co.
	6 Oct, Thu	Went down to 76 outfit at Home Ranch & laid out beef work with F Hesse. Rode back to NH at night. 56 miles but horse good & so only got sleepy not tired.

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	7 Oct, Fri	EK outfit got in & we wound up our wagon work. Outside work continues.
	8 Oct, Sat	Snowstorm all day. Did not lie. Cold & blowy. A/cs & Ranch business at N.H.
	9 Oct, Sun	Slept at Peters & Alston's.
	10 Oct, Mon	Business at Ranch. Went over to Tisdale's on South Fork to talk over land policy.
	11 Oct, Tue	Another big mail at Bar C where I arrived late & found Frank Canton. Had a talk with F.C. over detective work & planned a campaign against some thieves.
	12 Oct, Wed	Rode over to NH & wrote a pile of letters which Canton took into Buffalo.
	13 Oct, Thu	Went over to EK cow camp on N Fork and inventoried all personal property to the Trust, Voorhees representing them.
	14 Oct, Fri	Spent morning measuring lands on North Fork with a very stupid engineer. Rode back to N H. Heard that Morton E. Post has suspended. How lucky I had anticipated this & left him & got my friends to long ago.
	15 Oct, Sat	Tallied out the horses & fought over the valuation. Tallied out NH Ranch & personal property. Agreed upon a fair value I think, but had to fight for it.
	16 Oct, Sun	Voorhees took away his unsympathetic personality to the Big Horn Basin. I went to work surveying some lands, ditches &c.
	17 Oct, Mon	Began packing up.
	18 Oct, Tue	Mail day. I thought I was nearly through my correspondence when Lo! 29 letters & a telegram, mostly requiring immediate answers.
	19 Oct, Wed	Spent day packing up nick knacks to take & leave in charge of F. Hesse. I burnt papers by the bushel & gave away now useless kit, just keeping one complete outfit in case I come back again. Booth winters out at his ranch & I left my pet horse with him. Millais photographed the outfit, horses, wagon &c as a memento.
	20 Oct, Thu	Left NH ranch. This may be the last I see of it & I had some of the feelings which life is so infernally full of, the feeling of saying goodbye to friends animate and inanimate that I have known & made part of my life for some years. Spent day at KC ranch where I was surveying for John Nolan & G Gordon & trying to give them a start in life on their own account.
	21 Oct, Fri	Drove with Alston to 17 Mile Ranch. Weather pleasantly cold. But storm threatening. Poor Alston. He has lived for pleasure only & is intensely selfish. He has lost his money & can see no object left in life. He talks of suicide. I must try to influence him to be a man.
	22 Oct, Sat	Drove to Sand Creek where we took the stage for Douglas. Very cold night snowing & blowing. I had 2 pr overshoes & a fur coat □ in Cheyenne! We woke up in 4 inches of snow & it didn't get any better as we went on.
	23 Oct, Sun	Arrived Douglas 3.30 AM. No bed in Hotel. But finally Alston & I got one on floor together, & had 3 hours sleep. Then got out. Snowstorm still raging. I went to consult a Livery man as to whether he could get us to Uva, the terminus of Cheyenne Northern because if we stayed over Sunday at Douglas we should not reach Cheyenne till 25th & this way we could make it by 25th [sic]. Livery keeper decided as storm was behind us we could make it. So we stood an arctic expedition via La Bonté to Horseshoe where we slept.

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	24 Oct, Mon	Started about 8 AM & crossed the divide on to Cottonwood & on to the Laramie River to the new "city" of Uva where the Cheyenne & Northern R.R. took us through the "Development" Lands on by Iron Mountain & Crow Creek to Cheyenne. Very glad we were to get into warmth & comfort. The trip was bitterly cold, the thermometer ranging from about 10° below to 15 above Freezing. Found a moderate supply of letters.
	25 Oct, Tue	Very hard office work all day.
	26 Oct, Wed	Ditto ditto.
	27 Oct, Thu	In discussing the affairs of Peters & Alston with a lawyer today learnt a curious point of law which I didn't know. A partner cannot mortgage his interest in a concern to the prejudice of the rights of other members as provided by the partnership agreement. Thus the mortgage on Peters' interest in P&A does not take precedence of Peters' debt to Alston of which I am very glad.
	28 Oct, Fri	[No entry]
	29 Oct, Sat	Had an impromptu dinner at Club in which we all got rather merry, sang & made speeches. They are getting up a farewell dinner to me.
	30 Oct, Sun	Wm Mackenzie arrived & we went to work at P River affairs.
	31 Oct, Mon	Powder River business all day.
	1 Nov, Tue	Powder R business all day. Mackenzie left in the evening.
	2 Nov, Wed	The Club (30 of them) gave me a farewell dinner. Many speeches testified to my high honor in business &, what I didn't expect, to my readiness to help others in the pursuit of the dollar. They have had my good will & all the help I could give them. That's true.
	3 Nov, Thu	Business
	4 Nov, Fri	Business
	5 Nov, Sat	Business
	6 Nov, Sun	Went with a lumber merchant to Sherman to measure Frewen's folly, the Packing house & see what it was worth as old lumber. Funny the two monuments on the Rocky M[oun]t[ain]s, at Sherman one on south side of track to Oakes Ames of Credit Mobilier fame & on the other side the monument of Frewen's folly & the British investor's [sic] gullibility. Dined at Mrs. Peters boarding house. She pluckily faces the situation & tries to make money for her family. Ten of us went & paid \$2.00 a plate taking our own wine.
	7 Nov, Mon	Business all day.
	8 Nov, Tue	Business for long office hours. Got letter from Lane, Secy of Cattle Trust showing that they wanted to jockey us out of our contract. This is good reason for staying in. Gave a dinner at Mrs. Peters' house to a lot of "imported Dudes" & others. Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Peters & Miss Bergman (the affiancé[e] of F A Kemp) saved us from being a stag party. Boughton, Teschemacher, T.W. Peters, Ployart, Pryce, Quin, T.B. Adams, Ashworth, Alston, Stuart Wortley & Brooks were the other guests. I gave the dinner chiefly to let Mrs. Peters make a little expense money out of me.

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	9 Nov, Wed	Feeling very sick after dissipation of last night, but had to work hard to get business settled up before leaving. Worked all day & late at night.
	10 Nov, Thu	Left Cheyenne, who knows for how long, by morning train. A party of a dozen friends who were sorry to see me go were at the R'y station. I was sleepy in the train or might have been subject to a slight attack of parting-itis. I was chiefly sorry for poor Alston, who remains in Cheyenne unable to pay his way home.
	11 Nov, Fri	Arrived Omaha in morning. Saw Windsor, Hunt & others & left in evening for Herman where I found Beau Watson & his new boss Andy Haas □ an Israelite indeed.
	12 Nov, Sat	Spent the day fixing up H J Windsor's accounts. The upshot of the Herman deal is this. After a heavy loss incurred by the Frontier, we took over the property at something below cost, paying in Frontier shares. We lost slightly in feeding season /86/87 and in the sale kept out the Hiland property & other assets representing, less liabilities, a capital of some \$18000. We got 24000 in cash giving us each value for about \$14000 on about 26000 worth of Frontier shares. This is far better than the other shares will do.
	13 Nov, Sun	Worked all day & worked hard at a/cs, correspondence &c &c.
	14 Nov, Mon	Ditto ditto. Had great work turning over Powder River Cattle Co's a/cs to Beau Watson.
	15 Nov, Tue	Stayed a day longer than I had expected trying to get Beau thoroughly posted in Powder River Co. work.
	16 Nov, Wed	Left Herman for Omaha where I met Windsor & Gilchrist. The latter was en route for N.Y. to help in Frontier ?Cattle Trust difficulty. Settled up a/cs with Windsor. Gave Beau parting instructions. The latter forced me to stay overnight in Omaha much against my wish.
	17 Nov, Thu	Took train for Chicago & New York in the morning.
	18 Nov, Fri	Arrived Chicago & spent day at Stock yards collecting information on cattle business. Visited Clay & Forrest & had a good talk about the West. Went by Limited Pennsylvania train East. Two years ago in a discussion in this train many of us agreed that it reduced RR traveling to the highest pitch. But no. The cars are now all joined together by "vestibules" i.e. passages with concertina-like sides. A thick carpet hides the coupling. Thus wind, smoke & dust & worse are kept out. They have added a barber shop & bath to the other luxuries.
	19 Nov, Sat	Arrived New York & went to Victoria Hotel, hearing it was cheap. It is dear & dirty. Found Gilchrist. He had good news. He had seen T. Sturgis & reported the Union Cattle Co. notes were provided for. This is a great load off my mind. G. also thinks the Trust will come out all right. Found a very affectionate letter from my father calling me home.
	20 Nov, Sun	Did a good deal of writing.
	21 Nov, Mon	Spent the whole day over Powder River finances at John Paton & Cos. I wrote to everybody connected with the Co pretty nearly a final letter of instructions. Went to a very good comedy "The Henrietta", a Wall Street story which taught me a good deal about stock operations without much trouble.
	22 Nov, Tue	Still hard at work at Powder & doubtful whether I can get through to catch the Adriatic sailing at noon on the 23rd.
	23 Nov, Wed	Met T. Sturgis at 9.30 at 120 B'[road]way. Warren & Lane were with him & Gilchrist with me. We had a fight over our contract.

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		Here again men I relied upon to be quite as good as their word were not under pressure quite up to the mark. The Frontier Co. had made a contract with the Trust which was mostly in writing but partially verbal. The verbal part turned out very favorable to the Frontier & T Sturgis wriggled out of it. I fought for my rights up to 11.45. But then I had to fly for the ship which sailed at noon. I only just caught her after the good captain had held her for 5 minutes.
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	30 Nov, Wed	356 I feel vastly better for the voyage. Hickox is a splendid room mate & allows me to keep door & port holes open all night. This allows a little poker, chess &c down below in the day as the night hours are so healthily spent.
	1 Dec, Thu	337. 174 to Queenstown, arrived 11.30 PM & went on to L'[iver]pool. No startling news which always threatens a man who has been buried for 9 days. This is the finest passage of my 18 trips across the Pond.
	2 Dec, Fri	Arrived L'pool 6.15 P.M. Went by night train on Midland & London.
	3 Dec, Sat	Breakfasted with Mary. Did not find old Kemp. Had a long business talk with Gray about Peters & Alston & Powder River affairs & had not time to see Conny. Mary & children in excellent health. Johnny as usual suffering from many ailments which I fear are growing into realities. Came down to St. Leonards (105 Marina) & found Pater in the same outward health. But he seems more feeble & looks stouter. His throat affliction continues troublesome but is not alarming.
	4 Dec, Sun	Sunday at home with perfect rest barring a few business letters.
	5 Dec, Mon	Some shopping as an excuse for a walk. Otherwise business letters.
	6 Dec, Tue	Business all day.
	7 Dec, Wed	Came by early train to London. Busy all day & dined with James Barclay rad[ical]: M.P. (Scotch). Seeing buck party I did not know Mrs. B. was just dead. But I didn't make it worse as one generally does. Barclay is Lib Unionist now.
	8 Dec, Thu	Business at C F Kemp's most of the morning. Whole afternoon consumed by Peters & Alston affairs. Dined with Conny & looked in on Mary who had Ralph Dutton (looking older now) to dinner. Went to Naval & Military with Denis Lawless & saw young Boyle just back from horse ranch in Alberta crippled in one season with rheumatism. How fortunate I have been!
	9 Dec, Fri	Spent a large part of the day at Gray's office on Peters & Alston's affairs & at C F Kemp's on Powder River business.
	10 Dec, Sat	Business all the morning & came to St. Leonards on another visit to Pater.
	11 Dec, Sun	Business letters most of the day.

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	12 Dec, Mon	Business most of the day. Walked with another Scott (106 Marina) named Walter. He had ranged cattle in Australia & our exchange of experiences was interesting.
	13 Dec, Tue	Business all day.
	14 Dec, Wed	Came to London by early train & went on in afternoon after a few busy hours to Romsey where I found Old Berthon growing faint hearted as a relapse from his sanguine & oft disappointed expectations. Alexis Roche I saw in the morning. He looked fairly well & seemed improved in feeling by his misfortunes.
	15 Dec, Thu	Spent the forenoon with the Berthons father & son looking over the affairs of the Co. They look more hopeful to me. The Italians have "gone back on" an £8000 order. But the merchant marine are beginning to think about the safety of their passengers & may carry our boats largely. Returned in afternoon to London. Dined St. James Club with Buller, who had just returned from America & was full of "impressions".
	16 Dec, Fri	Dentist. Shopping. Maxwell called. Business letters. Then went down to Dunstall & saw Johnny, Ernle & the children. Johnny is getting dangerously fat. I shall try & walk it off him at Dunsany, where he joins me shortly. J & E live more decently & have their house nice. But they don't manage their finances & must be helped by Pater. Tommy Ponsonby came home from school having changed much. The first term means the putting away of the first batch of childish things.
	17 Dec, Sat	Returned by an early train to London. Met Wharncliffe to talk over Peters & Alston business. Richardson, P[owder] River director, met me & said he had just come from Russian embassy & there was no doubt in their mind that a Russo Austrian war was inevitable. These 'tips' are generally wrong, especially when very well authenticated. The Public nowadays gets hold of such news sooner than chance individuals. Went to see Stephen Menzies & talk over the P River affairs. Called on Mrs. Gaskell. Took Mary & the Hickoxes to the Play after dinner at New Club.
	18 Dec, Sun	Breakfasted at Wharncliffe house to further discuss the affairs of Peters & Alston & Powder R C Co. Then had an interview with A.C. Roche. Then went to see Castletown to tell him about Frontier Co. In afternoon Cloncurry called and we had a talk over Irish affairs. Took night mail for Dunsany.
	19 Dec, Mon	Arrived early on a cold damp frosty morning at Kingstown. The usual uncomfortable 2 hours at K St. Club & then down to Dunsany. Found things as I left them. People little affected by the turmoil in the political world. But this quiet inner circle is small.
	20 Dec, Tue	Hunted Silo at Summerhill. Freezing hard, roads slippery. No scent. But had a nice little gallop in ev[en]ing from Trotters. Saw a few familiar faces. Tom Leonard called when I got back. Dined at Killeen where the Murphys & Fingalls were the remainder of the party.
	21 Dec, Wed	Frost stopped hunting. I was so stiff & sleepy after yesterday's hunt that I didn't mind much.
	22 Dec, Thu	JG Butcher arrived early train. Not good for man to be alone. Very glad to see him. Freezing hard □ rather rough on him with a 3 weeks' holiday. Gave away the usual Xmas bounty. Young Cullen came over & I talked cattle (Dunsany) with him. The Irish Times came out with published correspondence betw'n the Bp of Meath & Trotter from which it appears that the latter had notified to the Bp that His Excellency would not hunt. This

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		the "League" claims as a grand victory for the league. The end will be that we shall be stopped.
	23 Dec, Fri	Thaw set in but country quite dangerous. Still we decided to hunt as our days were likely to be few. But the stable yard & roads approaching it were a sheet of ice & we could not get our horses out of the stable, so we gave it up. In evening we drove over to Trotter's to talk over the foolish letter he had written to Bp. Nulty telling him the Lord Lieutenant would not hunt. This was taken up by the Land League and by all the English newspapers as a cowardly capitulation to the League by the Meath Hunt. So we (JGB & I) agreed to draft a letter for Trotter to send to Nulty & publish explaining his actions.
	24 Dec, Sat	Went by early train to Dublin, did some shopping & then went down to Naas to Xmas with the de Robecks at Gowran Grange. Found my old flame Emmy de Burgh with 3 of her children, & all the de Robecks except Jack who was in the Channel Squadron.
	25 Dec, Sun	After a dreary sermon drove with Gerty over to see Willie Blacker. Found Willie & his old aunt Mrs. ?Pervis Xmassing the children. Gerty & I talked over the unhappy episode of my advising her not to marry Harry Mitchell after affirming that she did not care two straws for him. I think I satisfied her that I was right if unwise to do it. We talked evidently with great caution.
	26 Dec, Mon	Returned to Dunsany. In Dublin saw that the letter we wrote for Trotter was published in I[rish]. Times & Express & had changed editorial opinion on the situation.
	27 Dec, Tue	Hunted Silo at Batterstown. Splendid run from Waringstown via Culmullin to Mooretown near Hill of Glane then back past Knockmark to ground near Cultromer (home 25 minutes good going)].
	28 Dec, Wed	Went to a well attended meeting of Meath Hunt Club at Kells. Ld. Headfort in the chair. Passed all resolutions unanimously. Substance was that the Club refused to hunt on conditions as to who was to come out. Ld. Lieutenant would be welcome. Trotter was forgiven. The Meath men were loud in their loyalty & I think will have satisfied the English papers. J.G.B. & I dined & slept at Sion where we met Harry Bourke & discussed the situation.
	29 Dec, Thu	Returned Dunsany & did business. JG Butcher came back with me.
	30 Dec, Fri	Hunted Domino at Laracor. Ground quite unfit & only got half a day. Not very good.
	31 Dec, Sat	Drove to the meet of the Wards at Balintree. Was to hunt Silo but found him coughing violently & had to abandon the chase. J.G.B. hunted a Fisty Butler and rode to the train which was to take him to Downstown. I saw Coleridge at the meet & arranged for him to visit me for a week. Dined at the Grange.
[FL&C – Frontier Land & Cattle] [In Genesis Jacob	Year-end Summary	And so ends another year. To me it brought heavy money losses but a release from a killing excess of toil. The affiliation of the Frontier Co. with the Trust, the exchange of Tebbetts & Co. interest for C Wyndham Quin's share in the FL&C Co relieve me of the bulk of my own work or of most of that part of it which cannot be done by deputy. During the year my poor old father begged & implored me to free myself to some extent of American work so that I could see more of him in his declining years. I had

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<p>persuades his brother Esau to sell him his birthright and then tricks their father Isaac into blessing him instead of Esau.]</p>		<p>long fought against his affectionate appeal for two reasons. Firstly my duty to my backers & secondly my aversion to playing Jacob to Johnny. But now it looks as if my presence at home were required for the whole family's sake & that my experience in business must be where they can use it. My continued management of the Powder R Co has brought me into a bitterer fight with the Frewens than ever. However I can say everyone else is on my side.</p> <p>My health is about the same. My stomach is rather more irritable & weaker. Of course I am one year older & have not succeeded in developing any muscle on the upper part of my body or storing any reserve of condition against fever & other natural shocks. In mind I am about at a standstill. Have read nothing & so am more mouldy. But have had more experience.</p>