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- DBN* *Daybooks and Notebooks*, edited by William White (1978). Vol. 1: Daybooks, 1876-November 1881; Vol. 2: Daybooks, December 1881-1891; Vol. 3: Diary in Canada, Notebooks, Index.
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