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With reference to western extension
I approve except that I do not
like the idea of wooden posts now
when steel is cheap and much
more lasting. I hate the idea of
putting anything up without an
overhead crane. What does
Morgan think, but I suppose
that would double the cost. I
rather think that Morgan's scheme
of a cheaper building would
be better under the circumstances.
Corrugated iron lends itself
very well to such construction.
I would not consider the "eyesore"
part of view as the whole premises
especially from P.A. ~~is~~ ^{is} an eyesore
saw. Do. I rather favor
Morgan's idea of a cheap building.

AMS

June 13-16

Monday 29th May
10:00 AM.

My dear Father
I think my cable of yesterday
"go ahead" answers everything in
your letters of 7th and 8th May
which came last Thursday and
about which I consulted Wood on
Saturday as I mentioned in my
diary letter which I have just
finished. Before this reaches you
your decision will have been
made, perhaps even before the
wire reaches you as I know these
matters cannot be delayed very
long.
The most gratifying part of your
letter was the restriction of bank

it is hardly a propitious time to make a change but I think you should keep your eye on them and visit them when in Montreal and also insist on expenses being kept down to lowest notch.

I would sell all our S. H. tools you can. You will never have a better chance to get rid of them than now when machinery is at a premium. I would suggest advertising the Laurie lathe once again and trying to get rid of it.

Speaking of the fire in 1881 makes me think of insurance. Have you taken out any additional lately. I am not quite clear as to whether the "blanket scheme" we once had before us went through. I would be glad if you would let me know.

account² to \$52,000 which is really expended. How much of this do you attribute to reduction of our finished stock and raw material? I would like to know this very much.

I think you did well to close up contract for 50,000 - 5" at 4.50 and I hope you will be able to meet the deliveries you have promised, but if you don't I see that the balance undelivered is cancelled. One advantage is that you will run right along with the same size you are now working at, which will mean something.

Your remarks about Plant very interesting. I think he might be inclined to work up a little business for himself even when we do happen to have the goods in stock. as you say

take the place of bricks in the future.

Wesbould however get all the information possible together but don't want to start something in which the profit is doubtful and also a line which is not likely to be in demand in the future.

I will endeavor to visit some shops in England if I ever get any spare time over there and am sure Wood will do the same.

With reference to dear mother I feel she should defer her visit until the fall at the earliest and have said as much in my letter to her. Love is young to be very uncertain this summer. Very much love. Your devoted son JLB



any building you erect with posts will be of no use to us after the war without a travelling crane. My advice therefore is as cheap as possible, or else steel with provision for a 25 ton crane. I suppose however

it will be too late to influence you now and I do not know whether it is up to me to say very much.

As I understand your new expenditure will be about \$125,000 and I agree with keeping it entirely separate from the other shop in every way. I think the extension should be 200 feet instead of 120 feet. What about the extra help? Tell you

right here now) and the first order of size generally
carries a better price. We figure the new price for
8" is about 7¢ per lb. which is about the same as
a bit less than your last price (of 4.50) for 5" while
your first price for former was about 11¢.
So perhaps because the machining is less per
pound on the larger sizes.

Re Buch & Tyle Machinery

Your plan seems all right but first we must
find out if there is any money in it. I feel
that concrete & concrete blocks are going to

have difficulty getting it? The
redeeming feature about the contract
is that the Munition Board will
guarantee you the amount of
extra expense if the war should
close and contracts be cancelled.
I would have this very clear and
definite.

You will need some very heavy
tools for these large shells and
cranes too as I figure they will
weigh 200 to 300 lbs. Handling
will be quite an item.

On the whole I would
rather see you double your
capacity for the 4.5" & 5" but
apparently there is not such a
demand for the former (although
they are being fired all the time