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now stating our wants. I believe  
the small tractor proposition will  
have a large field both agriculturally  
and commercially in the future.

I see why you used wooden  
columns instead of steel. Shipbuilding  
is going to be a very profitable  
industry after the war but - out  
of the question for us.

am glad you and dear Mother  
are planning a little holiday and  
I am sure you both deserve it. I  
should think the Matteman would  
be an ideal spot.

In my last diary letter I explained  
about the interpretation you are to  
take from my cables and I think  
it would be better not to publish them.

am sorry to hear Inspector would  
not pass some shells. This is the  
first time is it not?

AMSD Aug 1  
✓ 2nd

Tuesday 11 July

My dear Father

As I may be hurried tomorrow  
I will start a few lines today so  
as to be sure to have something for  
the Canadian mail on Thursday  
morning and before that time I  
may be able to see Wood and have a  
little talk with him.

I see that I have not answered your  
letter of June 13th as well as your  
last one of the 18th.

I am glad to note the reduction  
in expense in Montreal and concern  
in your arrangement with Harry  
Marshall. I should think that the  
number of men employed there could



I am glad you are lukewarm about them and I think it much better to stick to the 5" for which you are prepared. I do not quite understand about guarantee of Munition Board in <sup>ratio</sup> of delivery but presume that they will refund all <sup>capital expenditure</sup> if they cancel balance provided you are up to date in delivery.

Re business after the War. am glad you agree with me about brick and tile business. as far as locomotives go I consider our premises to be anything but adapted for them. and it would cost too much to ~~re-quip~~. What do you think about the "Foden" truck? We could handle a line like that. I mean a great many over here. Wood and I both intend taking a look around England when opportunity occurs and I think I will put an advertisement <sup>in the Times</sup>

also be reduced very much, but suppose that this has already been done. Re Insurance. I am very sorry that blanket scheme did not go into effect and I disagree with you and Holmes about insurance on new buildings and tools which I think should be insured at once.

I wonder if the City ever put \$1000 insurance on my life with the other London men. I wonder if you would mind enquiring from Mr Baker and ~~also~~ if so, as to how the matter stands now. I also took out \$2000 extra with the same Company that insured the 7th C.M.R. men for the city. I have never heard whether you paid the policy on it for me or not. I am sorry I cannot think of the name <sup>of the company</sup> but Mr Baker would know.

Re 8" Shells as I have already expressed myself, will only reiterate that



of 5" shells. I think it good policy  
and as far as I am concerned get the  
extra tools to fill up the extension as far  
as I am concerned. I will talk it  
over with Wood too.

There is no use my getting up a  
code for my weekly wires as they  
will not take cypher messages at  
those rates. I have been cabling every  
week lately so don't quite understand  
about your wanting us to take terms  
at it.

If you have a code in mind for  
very urgent "day rate" messages please  
send it to both of us and we will conform.

I am glad you have adapted the  
daylight saving. I have been an  
advocate of it for a long time as you  
know.

See your wages averaged \$18.66 per  
week per man which is a lot but suppose  
it includes Sunday and 11 hour day.

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Am delighted to hear about balance  
at B.B.H.A. and hope the "goose egg  
day" will soon come and the balance  
begin to go up instead of down. It  
must be a great satisfaction to you  
and both Wood & I want to congratulate  
you from the bottoms of our hearts.  
If it ever does cross the zero line  
I think the occasion would be worthy  
of a cable to us.

I was under the impression that  
the war tax Bill did not pass. I  
think you told us that. I would  
like to know just how it is going to  
effect us when you get time to  
fully explain. I have a copy of  
what appeared in the papers.



nothing. Besides we have no room for it on present  
premises and we were buying flanged heads from the  
C. F. Co for very little more than it would cost to  
flange them ourselves. For small heads I am satisfied  
that our contract rates were as low as the cost by a  
a sectional press if not lower. A S.H. press can  
nearly always be picked up which you should bear in  
mind. Sell the lathes, then we will consider it!!!

The drilling of all mint holes will not bother us as  
much as some of the others don't think. Does this apply  
to circumferential as well as longitudinal?

I agree with Schofield about trying to get extra output

but that was last Feb. I suppose you will close your books in June and send us a statement in due course. Have you thought of changing Banks? you have said nothing and perhaps it might be better not to until things are finally closed up.

Thank you for buying Anglo French bond. I am quite satisfied. Is 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  nett return?

Altogether things in Canada would appear to be very prosperous and I believe that after the war we will not feel the depression as much as they will in England. The Bank clearings you sent look very encouraging.

I am not much in favor of buying the sectional flanging press. I believe we want a few post or



50%

I quite concur in your depreciation of patterns. They cannot be cut down too much. Will add a few lines to narrow.

General Byng inspected us this A.M. but I did not hear very much of what he said. He seemed pleased however at the progress on all fronts and I hope that things are at least on the move, but we have a long way to go yet.

Wednesday 10.00 P.M.

Just a few lines to close. I rode down to Woods waggon lines intending to lunch with him today but found he had gone up in front and would not be back



until late in the P.M. so did not  
wait and nearly missed my  
air lunch which would do  
me much harm as I am really  
getting fat.

I think General Byng was  
fairly pleased with what he said  
yesterday. In the evening I  
rode down in front to meet  
our working party and did not  
get in until 1:00 A.M. I was  
hit cooler tonight.

Please thank dear Mother for  
the World's work which came today.

Will close now with very  
much love.

Your devoted son

Ihr.

The news seems good from the  
Russian front. I hope we will  
be doing as well soon.