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GENERAL BUSINESS WEEK ENDING MARCH 18th/1916.

Monday 13th.

March.

Received cheque from Munitions Board for shells shipped on the 28th February \$3400.00. Received a cable from Belgium that all are well which is a great comfort. Sewer at boiler shop stopped up again, had to employ an expert to clean it out.

Tuesday 14th.

March.

Wrote Scheffield about additional orders for 60# as he has intimated they were most in need, we will ask that we continue on that size after we get the 20,000 finished. Mr. Stephens of the I.M.B. Inspector called and looked over our operations in shells he wants our time which we have concluded to do him, it covers 32 operations

Wednesday 15th.

March.

Went over our costs on 4.5 & 60# shells with Mr. Stephens, Mr. Morgan & Mr. Holmes and he will send us a copy of the time that he considers they take, we said 8 hrs. on a 5" shell about right, we however think that 15% should be added to this for delays and breakages, belts, etc, etc. Mr. Morgan thinks he would take \$3.00 for finishing 4.5 shell and \$4.50 for 5". We however, will consider this a little later on.

Thursday 16th.

March.

Letter received from E.I.L. about business which is very satisfactory. A 3rd Inspector arrived to-day to help Mr. Tidy, we think they will have to send us another to keep up with our present output.

Friday 17th.

March.

Very bright and cold, good sleighing. Paid \$2369.00 to 146 men, including \$525.00 for piece work. Mr. Casey of the Canadian Loco Company Kingston spent half a day with us inspecting the doubtful shells that his Company sent us and we think we convinced him that we were most fair in our rejections of them. He intimated that he would recommend the company to pay the actual cost of same and 100% overhead for burden. Started 1st of the two Newyork Gisholts recently purchased on 5" shells it works as good as a new machine.

Hit & Hit.

The 70th Regiment under Colonel Towers had the Colors presented to it at Victoria Park to-day, was not able to attend.

Saturday 18th.
March.

We had a telephone message from Mr. Preston of the Stratford Mill Building Company that he had secured the machining of 25,000, 4.5 shells at \$3.00. He told us two weeks ago that he would not do this but he says it came to a matter of disorganizing his force as the I.M.B. would not give him more, so he concluded to make a trial. We doubt very much if he has the skill and machinery to make it pay at that figure. It is a good thing that we secured 40,000 of these shells at \$4.00 a month ago surely they will not go back on that contract. Sir George Gibbons telephoned up that he has a wire from the Winnipeg Iron Works saying that a cheque for \$1800.00, was being mailed to close out that unfortunate affair, this was our offer and right glad we are that the thing has been closed, it has given us a great deal of anxiety.

We were very much pleased to-day to get the invoice of a carload of assorted tubes from Pittsburg which will enable us to tube all the boilers we have in process which includes a lot of uprights and Dairy's. Will send a list of these on the floor to you in a few days. We started two plug cutting off machines of our own make on 5" shells both of these work very satisfactory. Shipped 830, 5" shells to-day. Oakwood hot water boiler again leaking. I hope it will last for a month when I will certainly make a new one.