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APRIL 17th to APRIL 22nd Inclusive.

Monday 17th
April.

Received a list of tools for sale from the Estate of the late William Mallock, Machinist, who died recently very suddenly, she wishes to sell some, if not all of them. Mr. Morgan will visit and see if there are any we can use, as we see that we will now require a lathe for doing the waving in order to have no weak spots in our machinery and have them come out evenly.

Mr. Morgan took charge of the boiler shop to-day, this will not be much of a charge upon him as long as orders are so scarce. Shipped a large boiler to Montreal along with some other goods.

Tuesday 18th
April.

Had an interview with the Cook boys about boiler shop affairs and they understand the situation pretty thoroughly, between shortage of work and shortage of plates the prospects are that we will have very little to do. Had an interview with James Lamond and Mr. Murray the cost clerk, about taking charge of the order cards and X orders and they have agreed to work together for the present.

Alice had her examinations this evening and were glad to say that she passed 73% in the St. Johns Ambulance Examinations.

Wednesday
19th April.

Shipped car to Montreal with practically stock stuff, small uprights and dairies.

Mr. Morgan reports that he is not getting along between broken belts and broken machinery and men not attending to their work.

Declined to make a steam drum for Darling Bros. as we had not the plates or do not know where we will get them.

Estimated on 2, 66" x 12' Upright boilers for Plant and put in a price of 25% off the list. This figures up pretty high and is a good price and hope we will get it. We however have only the plates and heads on hand, would have to buy the 2" tubes which at prevailing prices our margin would not be so much. Plant writes that he is doubtful if he can get the price.

Started large boring mill turning off the ends of 5" shells. The blanks for the last month have been coming so short that it was not necessary to use this tool, however, it has not been idle as we have been turning quite a few pulley's to fill up.

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Thursday 20th.
April.

Paid off to-day as tomorrow is good Friday, \$2631.00 to 140 men, including \$999. for piece work.

Got a letter from Waterous of Brantford agreeing to sell Locomotive Boilers at 25 off the list. Unfortunately there is very little call for any size of Loco Boilers. We have only sold one of the half dozen that we made up with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tubes at G.H. Evans request over a year ago. However, they will move off I think this summer.

Mr. Morgan applied for a holiday which I freely granted, he to set his time and opportunity to suit the works. Had a long talk with him which I have put in the shape of another letter.

Arranged to have Woodmans' two long photos put into one frame, it will be a very attractive exhibit and show up the actual conditions in his front a year ago.

Friday 21st
April

Very poor mail. Boiler shop and Foundry closed for Friday and Saturday, but were surprised to have all the tools working full tilt on piece work and things moving along very nicely.

Estelle, Innis & Leonard Carling arrived from Ottawa, mother and I went up to see the little chap, he is a very fine boy and very good natured. Saw the 70th Regiment off at the G.T.R. this evening, the whole town turned out and gave them a splendid send off. They leave Halifax on a steamer on Sunday next.

Col. Towers, Major Butler & Major Fairbanks are all very fine men. The latter spent the evening with us and appears to be well posted in military affairs. Ottawa gave him a good deal of trouble before he was able to get evolution in the overseas troops. If Ibb gets a chance he can now give him some pointers as to his troubles a year ago last winter.

Saturday
22nd April.

Beautiful day. Cabled Woodman Congratulations on his first Ypres Anniversary. Our hearts are all very full for him being spared the first year of war. Got a cheque for \$19200.00 for shells shipped the early part of the month, which is very gratifying.

Chester & Gordon Glass of New York, also Mr. Theo. Christie of Chicago called and inspected shell making. Gordon wants to be specially remembered to you boys, and follows your movements very closely through the Canadian papers. Mrs. Glass, Sr. died last Tuesday at her apartment, Bayman Terrace Miss Glass who is very kind in sending Woodman papers will go to New York for a little change which she richly reserves.

Elaine, Aubrey & Stephen arrived to-day noon, and I spent nearly the whole day with Aubrey talking about the shell business in Ottawa. He is working very hard but is in touch with some of the brightest business men in Canada and I hope he will stick to the job and get in touch with them. We also had a two hours conference with Mr. Holmes & Mr. Morgan in the office and got quite a lot of information, and agreed to speed up by buying a couple of lathes as Aubrey is afraid they are going to cut the price on everybody. It may be necessary for Morgan and myself to go to Ottawa and lay the reasons for an extension of our present (5") contract before Mr. Flavelle personally. Will look up correspondence and decide tomorrow. For one reason and another the old Shell Committee have delayed us in execution of our contract over a month, if they cut us it will make several thousand dollars difference to us.