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By Bear Ibb & Woodman,-

MONDAY 22nd.

May.

Hayman & Sons lost half a day working on extension owing to heavy rain fall. Unloaded two secondhand Stationary Boilers from Montreal with a view of repairing them and sending them back. We got them for \$100.00 each.

Paid and passed customs machinery from New York, 11 days in transit which is pretty good delivery considering the amount of freight moving. They cost including freight and duty \$11872.71.

We have discovered some 4 x 18 tubes in Chicago which will cost us about 32¢ f.o.b. London. This will relieve our anxiety in this respect somewhat.

We still have unsold 6 plates, 9/16 x 108" x 19'1", also 3 plates 1/2" x 72" x 19'1" in the boiler shop which has been in stock for about three years. However, we have several enquiries in just now and hope to work them off at a good profit. We are quoting 10% off boiler list which should give us a handsome return. The prospects of getting any more plates 108" wide before Christmas is very doubtful. If these work off we will be obliged to buy a couple of 38" circles for them which we have located in Chicago.

TUESDAY May

23rd.

At 10 P.M. last night we had our third break in the counter shaft above the engine which carries the 1/4 twist belt. It snapped in two and caught fortunately or it would have gone through the floor and on top of the engine. We got a new and heavier shaft from the Vulcan and as we had the two pulley's necessary we made the change on it, and by working very hard were able to start up again at 11 P.M. this day. The men are very cross when these interruptions take place.

Harry Hayman started two men bricking in the boiler at Oakwood.

Get up two lines of posts and beams across the new extension today. Received a cheque from the Imperial Munition Board for \$12500.00. Got a couple of orders this day consisting of one 20 H.P. Dairy from C. Richardson & Company and an Upright from Mr. Tighe, De Laval Representative of London.

WEDNESDAY

24th MAY.

Victoria Day, bright and warm. Three of our machine hands did not turn up so our work of getting out shells is very much handicapped and Mr. Morgan is in the dumps. It seems strange to us that men who can make from \$4. to \$7.00 a day should go fishing or take a day off to fix up their gardens.

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Unloaded car of Machinery from New York all in good order except a small break.

Had lunch with the Family wt at the Kennels and saw many friends. Called on your Aunt Lizzie in her new home Huron Street. This is the first I have been out to the Kennels since October.

Wire from Sarah that she and her mother will be here on Tuesday next.

THURSDAY
May 25th.

Yesterday Hayman and Son had no less than 35 men working on the building, got up some more posts and beams and nearly all the joists in place. They use a great deal of forethought and judgment in getting things ready for their Workmen and generally put in an 1 1/2 every day after supper to place things ready for the mornings work.

Put on some more green men on Munitions. If the scarcity keeps up from enlisting, we will have to shorten out output or put on women, have decided to send two secondhand engines to Warren Bros. to be overhauled and made saleable, as it is impossible to get anything out with what is before us. We are also turning all the work we have to the Vulcan Company.

Put small fire under boiler at Oakwood, the rearrangements of the draft seems alright even with a damp wall.

Had word from Ottawa last night that Innes has been made a Major which we are all very much pleased to hear.

FRIDAY 26th.
MAY.

Bright and warm. Paid \$2579.00 to 155 men including \$1100.00 on piece work. This is \$400.00 less than last week.

Wrote Herbert Evans about machinery McAvity is putting in to turn out his 8" shells.

Harry Marshall is up for a holiday. Made arrangements with him for another year on the understanding he is to work in the meantime under Mr. Morgan. Plant must get along somehow, he is perfectly willing to go back or anywhere we like, his job will be putting up the shafting.

SATURDAY
27th MAY.

Worked on extension, stopped on account of the weather after having 24 ft. siding in of the road.

Got the three Gisholts however on rollers in the extension ready to be placed.

A.R. Williams & Co. Toronto promised to ship our machinery to-day. It has been ready for several days but held up on account of some mortgage and bond holders trouble re Bergh & Bertram Estate.

Shipped two carloads of 5" shells 1488 and about 400 short of what we intended owing to accidents and delays.

Twisted 6 ft. of our main shafting off at the extreme West end and stopped two machinists and one of our men had a very narrow escape when it fell.

Tendered for 2 - 72" x 18' Boilers to the Regal Collery Co. Alberta at 10% off and turned the business over to George Stewart to try and land for us. We have one boiler in stock, made two years ago for 150 working pressure and another one we can make in 30 days.

Made a good deposit to-day including \$5000. from the Imperial Munition Board. Was very tired at night.

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MONDAY 29th.
MAY.

Just received your cable to go ahead. Suppose you mean with the extension and purchase all machinery. It looks now as if the building will be fully complete as specified in the contract on the 3rd June. The more it gets into shape the more I am pleased with it. I am getting an estimate for an extra window alongside the big west door in the machine shop in order to get more light at that end, it has always been badly needed. With this latter improvement I think we will have all the changes that is necessary.

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