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June 5th/1916.

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Monday 29th.
May.

We were obliged to take two secondhand engines to Warren Bros, to be repaired because there is no possibility at present of getting the work through our machine shop with the requirements for shell work and repairs.

Mr. Lamond went down to McClarys, Adelaide Street Works, and bought two old boilers for \$100.00, they are 66" x 16' and pretty well used up, but think we can make good use of them. They are bulged badly in the bottom owing to heavy firing. Will repair and send to the Maritime Provinces.

Several carloads of shell blanks arrived to-day.

Tuesday 30th.
May.

Another Gisholt put out of business by broken apron to-day. We have broken this part of these lathes in nearly every one in the shop owing to the pressure on them from heavy feed.

Mr. Lamond went to Toronto to-day to hurry shipment of Williams lathes.

Several Regiments of Soldiers arrived and went to camp.

Putting tar and gravel on roof of new extension. We have also commenced locating the four Gisholts preparing to put up counter shafts. Talked with Mr. Morgan about James Short leaving his work without any notice, which we do not take kindly to as we are badly in need of every ones help, from what Mr. Morgan says he has been very indifferent about pushing along the job work we have, and if he remains away we will not very much regret it.

We are making some changes in our own inspection staff. Mr. McIlvenna has gone into the tool room and Mr. Wheaton for the present is working the large milling machine.

Wednesday 31st.
May.

Received E.W.L.'s photograph in good shape. Paid E.W.L.'s insurance in the Mutual \$154.00. Paid \$3000.00 on account of Western Extension. The Contractors are putting in steel beams and columns on 15 ft. opening between the old machine shop and western extension.

Thursday 1st.
JUNE.

Mr. Stevenson of the Imperial Munition Board called for a short time. Shipped a carload of 980 shells. Got an enquiry from Alberta for two 72" x 18' which George Stewart can secure at 25 off, we are getting particulars but do not see our way clear to let them be sold for less than 10 off as we will have to buy all the tubes at advanced prices. Painting walls and interior of Western Extension.

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June 1st.

Mr. Armstrong of the Murphy Iron Works, Detroit called and left specifications for two furnaces for the 72" x 16' Return Tubular Boilers for the Industrial School. I have thought it best to resign from the Board, as we are going to tender for the boilers direct and I do not feel like acting in ^{duel} the capacity of Contractor on the Advisory Board.

Signed salary cheques and paid a lot of personal accounts. Aubrey Schofield arrived at 9 P.M. from Welland and he is now travelling director of steel products or something of that kind.

Letter from both sons received today, quite satisfactory.

Friday 2nd

June.

Paid \$2722.00 to 157 men, including \$1068.00 piece work.

Aubrey Schofield called and had a talk with Mr. Morgan and ourselves. The letter has no complaints. He has heard nothing about our offer to make 8" shells and we will not broach the subject until we get our new machinery well started as we are going to devote all our time and energies towards filling our contract on the 31st October.

Got a cheque from the Imperial Munition Board for \$6770.00. Salvage in the shape of turnings and ends from shells for Bay amounts to turnings \$908.00 and ends \$78.00.

Saturday 3rd

June.

Mr. ~~James~~ stay sick with a heavy cold. Lathes arrived from Williams Toronto and unloaded.

Innis arrived from Ottawa at noon to-day, looks well.

We have had a rather favorable run all the week but did not get a second car off owing to delay of Inspector getting proper gauges. He will try and make it up this week.

Arranged to have a gang of men locating lathes and counter shafts, also laying a cement floor tomorrow **Sunday**.