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June 17th, 1916.

Saturday June 10th to Saturday June 17th inclusive.

Sat. June 10th.

Quoted on a 30" sterilizer for the Quebec Camp similar to the one we made for the asylum some years ago. We are asking about Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) more for increased cost of labor and machinery. Shipped 980 shells to-day. Laborers are getting very scarce, we are paying \$2.50 per day for the best kind. The Ontario Inspection Department notified us that after this they will require and insist upon all rivet holes being drilled from the solid for 3/4 rivets and that only 5/8 and under will be allowed punched and drilled out. The car of shells to-day includes 850 of our third order that is 60,000- 5". The line shafting in the new extension started up for the first time yesterday and works nicely. It is of the same speed as the other shop and is driven from 48" pulleys with a 12" belt near the entrance of the new shop. Mr. Morgan is more than pleased with his purchase of secondhand tools from the United States and Williams and Company recently. He finds quite a few small things to be put in first class order for this work and will put new brass bushing in two of the Gisholts when the machine will be as good as new. The 41" Gisholt the largest is a bargain for heavy work. This twenty-two hours in twenty-four necessitates a brass bush on all of this type of machine every ninety days.

Had a talk with Schofield to-day, he informs me that the Munition Board are ordering one third more material than is necessary to cover delays and shortage. They think this is good policy, as they have had so many disappointments. He thinks we should make a special effort to get more of an output than promised and then put in application for another order for 5".

For this purpose we would have to add six or seven tools to our present equipment, which would not be a very large output. Will report later in regard to this.

A cable received from Ibbotson to-day (all well), this is a great satisfaction to us and to many citizens who are watching the war very closely. Alice met a lady the other day who says that we do not know how much a cable of this kind is appreciated by the public. If either one or the other of you could arrange to cable every week I would be willing to pay the expense. I would suggest that you get up a private code for the purpose which would considerably reduce the expense. Let me hear from you on this subject.



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Monday June 12th.

Started on the Daylight Saving Hour that is 6 A.M. on clock old time and quitting at 5 P.M. until the end of September. We had little or no trouble all employees conforming without a word. The railways and the Post Office Department are the only business concerns that have not fallen into line.

Received a letter from Ibbotson about extension and tools and his opinion of a contract for 8". Received two packages of miscellaneous papers from Woodman to-day.

Counter shaft box melted out in the main machine shop delayed us about three hours. Wrote sons a private letter about 8" contract.

Tuesday June 13th.

Attended Huron & Erie and decided to make a purchase on Gullette Street, Windsor and make a vigorous ~~protest~~ *push* for loaning and trust funds in Windsor, which is now rapidly becoming a large business centre. Industries from the United States are being added every month, which we must be prepared for. Received a long letter from Woodman about business affairs and his approval to what we have been doing.

Wednesday June 14th.

Received letter from Woodman, May 29th and read same to Messrs. Holmes and Morgan. We now all agree to stick to 5" shells if at all possible, even at a reduced price. Wrote Woodman a long letter on these lines.

Thursday June 15th.

Received \$4,500 from Imperial Munition Board, this brings our balance down to \$24000 owing British North America Bank, but we have a lot of payments to meet for the balance of the month and will do well if we keep it at this point until the end. Made a tender for 2-60 x14' return tubular boilers for Calgary Armouries through George Stewart, basing it upon 10% off list less 5% to the Metals Limited and other dealers in Calgary.

Friday June 16th.

Paid \$2841.97 to 153 men including \$1121.32 piece work. Wrote to American Boiler Manufacturers Association that would not be able to attend a convention in Cleveland on Monday 19th. Called on William Ward, King Street whose son Becher has been reported wounded and missing. Found them very much out up about this.

Started first Gisholt in new extension on shells with usual little detentions and drawbacks. Heavy storm and downpour at 5 P.M. Mr. Tidy Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lapp and myself had dinner at Kennels.

I hear Schofield has applied to Costigan in Montreal for a commission in spite of my advise to him to keep out of the military part, as he is doing his duty and more in Ottawa helping McAvity in the Munition Board.



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Saturday June 17th.

We shipped one car of shells to-day. Talked with Messrs. Holmes, and Morgan about holidays for themselves and myself, which we will mutually arrange. Unloaded car of tubes which we were fortunate to get. Another car we are promised early next month. Had a talk with Messrs. Morgan and Holmes about the valuation of patterns for the end of the month and have about decided to cancel all Leonard Corliss and Peerless patterns and take 25% off Tangye, high speed, english engines and boiler fronts and all other patterns showing up in our pattern account the valuation of which now shows about 19000.

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