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Monday

July 17th.

Very hot, 88°. Started with some men off and some returned to work. Mr. Morgan was around for a little while but Mr. Holmes laid up for the day. Had another quarter twist belt delay in the machine shop owing to hot weather and the immense strain there is on our little engine.

Mr. Brewer of Theob. Robertson & Company called and announces that prices are still up, their stock of plates and tubes on hand is the lowest in the History of the firm. Mr. James R. Wilsons Son, John has taken hold of the business with young Mr. Robertson, Mr. Brewer says they are going to have a good years business with the advance in prices.

Wired Walker of Vancouver the price of the Laurie lathe and asked him to make an offer. We make little or no headway in disposing of this machine, it is more in our way than ever.

Mr. Morgans return has made quite a difference in the shop all round and he claims that he will soon be alright again.

Tuesday

July 18th.

Very hot, 89° in the shade. Mr. Holmes down again at work, is doing all he can to get our stock sheets filled out. George Stone is also on that job. We are afraid we will not reach more than 8000 shells for July which will be 2000 short of what we promised.

Wednesday

July 19th.

91½° in the shade. Sent wires to George Stewart and W.W. Hicks of Winnipeg about Bruel Lake order for a 40 H.P. Cilwell Locomotive Boiler that we are trying to sell them.

Made estimate for G.H. Evans to tender on saw mills. We could furnish 2 - 12 x 10 Clipper engines with Loco Boilers with water bottoms on wheels and 2 - 13 x 12 Clipper Engines and buy a boiler from Inglis to go with the last cilwell boiler we have on hand in order to fill this order but we do not think the Commission can wait five weeks and it is very doubtful if we can get an order out of them.

James Lamond went to Woodstock and saw the Plant they want to sell us. 2 - 16 x 16 Peerless Engines - 2, 72" x 18 R.T. Boilers, one of these made in Erie with Heater, Pump, Pipes and belting. We could not take the boiler away at present for we have not the room but could manage to get a place for the two engines. We will offer them \$800.00 for the entire outfit as it stands and perhaps we may have to go \$100.00 more. We all consider this would be a good buy. The boilers would both have to be repaired but they are good saleable size just now even if at low pressure. Very busy unloading shell blanks.

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Thursday
July 20th.

95° in the shade. We were again delayed two hours last night with belts breaking. We will make a special effort to put in power from the Hydro next Sunday and are working the men very hard. Dodge Manfg. Company are making the pulleys, shafting and hangers as we have not the time.

Friday
July 21st.

Cooler, only 84° in the shade. Paid \$3133.00 to 171 men including \$1303. piece work.

Sketched a plan for an addition to the front of the office. Received \$4500. from the Imperial Munition Board. Got Generator placed for driving extension.

Saturday.
July 22nd.

Bright and cooler but reached 91° in the shade. Shipped 986 shells. Only one car this week for which we are all very disappointed but circumstances of which we had no control seemed we could do no better. We hope however to make this partially up next week.

Wired Coppercliff Company price on Locomotive Boiler.

Sunday
July 23rd.

No rain, 94° in the shade. Mr. Morgan and about 20 men some of them doing other work got all the pulleys, shafting, etc, in place and when I visited them at 4 o'clock things looked promising. Maitland doing some cement work.