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August 8th/1916.

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Monday
July 31st.

Very close, 85 in the shade. The Hydro off in the shop and in the City twice in the morning but steady in the afternoon. It appears that Dundas sub station was partly destroyed by a short circuit.

Got two carloads of shells off to-day amounting to 1428.

Scott the man at Oakwood left to go into business for himself. He is one of the best all round men we have had about the place and regret very much that he is going.

James Lamond delayed on the London & Port Stanley until 11 o'clock, and Street Cars did not run until 9 A.M. on account of the above break.

Bank balance against us \$13080.00.

Deposited in bank during month on account of shells \$25329.00

General business account 2242.00
\$35271.00

Sales for July shells \$31880.00

General business 9189.00
\$41070.00

This brings us up to 6890 shells shipped or 3110 shells short of our agreement of 10,000 for this month.

Issued cheques for \$2000.00 taxes on the works and \$1100. Taxes on Oakwood.

August 1st.
Thursday
TUESDAY

Little cooler, 83 in the shade. Had a conference with Mr. Morgan about Waterloo Tractor, he thinks favorably of such a machine for general farm purposes in Ontario. It certainly is the cheapest and the nearest to a horse of any machine yet put on the market.

Major Keightley of the Imperial Munition Board called and made an extensive inspection, objecting to some minor things, but on the whole we think he is favorably impressed with what we are doing.

August 2nd
Wednesday

Warm and bright 87 in the shade. 16 days of last month the Thermometers was 90 and up to 100 which is very prestrating to all the workmen.

Regarding heads for 72" boilers that were spun by Inglis of Toronto. We got the bill and they cost \$5.34 as against \$9.00 made by hand. We were obliged to buy the blanks from him for which he charged 5¢ lb.

All Hydro off yesterday P.M. but we coupled up our Hydro shafting with the steam and kept going, which was very satisfactory.

Sent Wm. Leonard of the 142nd a colt revolver with his name engraved on the butt end.

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August 3rd.
Thursday.

Dr. Moore's son Charlie is reported very critically ill from a wound in the chest.

August 4th.
Friday

93 in the shade and very humid.

Second Anniversary of the great war with Allies stronger and Germans weaker, citizens held a special service which I did not attend, too busy about the works and office.

Paid \$3426.00 to 175 men including \$1410.00 for piece work. Shipped 994 shells to-day, paid part of my subscription to the Golf Links of \$250.00

Shop running a little better yesterday and last night and output was 530 so Buchanan says. Received a cheque for \$4500.00 from the Imperial Munition Board.

Called on George Reid and find that his son Eric is no better, he has had three operations on his hand and is very discouraged.

August 5th.
Saturday.

Very close 93 in the shade, shipped 481 shells.

Sent a photograph of E.W.L. to Howell Lithographing Company of Montreal with a few notes of his Military Career for Publication in the book to be issued of Prominent Canadian Officers.

Mr. Morgan put 29 men on the pay roll during the week and 23 left during the week, so you will understand what a roving lot of creatures we have to select our men from.

Paid \$1935.00 one bill to Baines & Peckover for high speed steel. We are picking this up wherever we possibly can paying from \$2.75 to \$3.10 per lb. The steel makers certainly have a clinch on the shell situation and are making fortunes for themselves two or three times over. The quality of the steel that is furnished us to make the 5" shells from is so near cast steel in hardness and strength that we can make cold chisels from it which will do good service. I regret to say that we are using quite a few from mistakes in finishing contrary to all the care we exercise, in these cases we are made to lose our labor and are charged back at high prices for the spoiled blanks.