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August 21/16.

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Monday
August 14th.

Bright and cool. Had quite a large mail with some enquiries and quite a few repair orders.

Mr. Tidy held up one car on Saturday for 10 shells not being quite dry enough. We think this is carrying things too far under the present demand for Munitions at the front.

We accepted offer of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company for the Lauric Lathes of \$3000.00 brought about by Evans this lathes offered to a party in United States for \$600. less than this amount but they failed to keep the option so we are very glad to make the difference.

We had a call to-day from Mr. Palmer of the Sawyer Massey Company who are making shells, he asked for Mr. Morgan and after being shown through the place and told all we knew about shell making, drifted off onto other matters and ended up by making a straight offer to Mr. Morgan to leave our employment and go to work with them. In all our business relations we never have come across such cheek, it is so unbusinesslike, unprincipled and unchristian; we are through with that firm now.

Tuesday
August 15th.

Paid ~~the business~~ \$345.00 for four years business tax demanded by the Province of Quebec, why they have overlooked us we do not know but they have the cheek to ask us for interest on same which we are afraid we will have to pay. This is clearly their own affair, not ours.

Wednesday
August 16th.

Cool and bright. Estimated for two 48" Upright boilers for the C.P.R. but concluded not to make an offer as they require special plates which are not obtainable on the present state of the market. We could not get anything to work in from Ryerson, Drummond, McCall or Thomas Robertson.

Shipped a carload of stock to St. John including an order that Evans sent us for a small 8 x 8 Jewell engine and an old boiler No. 2008 which we were glad to get rid of. We also put on this car Simpsons order for 54" x 14' boiler which we have had on hand about four years. Mr. Simpson is going to end fire this boiler with a Dutch even which we do not approve of. However, that is not our business. Deposited \$7484.00.

Mr. Morgan bothered very much with shells not drying, will have to devise some other means as we cannot afford to lose a whole days time for this purpose. The \$300.00 gas even that we made up recently does not work for some reason or other, either in the gas or the even itself, the shells come out dry enough but streaked which the Inspector will not stand for.

From Switting

Aug. 21/18.

Mr. Morgan will investigate this on his return from Montreal.

Wm. Cook in the boiler shop is too fresh altogether, he starts work and selects plates without even the order card. He had to get a calling down from me to-day which I think he will remember.

Conferred with Messrs. Holmes & Morgan about balance sheet and Government Tax on profits which I will explain later on in a special letter. We are afraid we cannot get 125 of a burden on cost or a discount on patterns and instead of taking off about 40% as we supposed on machine shop tools, we do not think it will bear more than 25.

Hired an elderly man to work round the house which we are very glad to get as good men are very scarce.

Received a cheerful letter from Woodman also snapshot which we are very glad to get.

Thursday
August 17th.

Very hot again, 91 in the shade. Had a long talk with Mr. Morgan to-day about some changes on the nose of 5" shells which the Imperial Munition Board want us to change to as soon as possible, we are afraid it will make additional expense, however, he will look into the matter on his return from the East.

Made a deposit of \$6400.00 from I.M.B. Shipped 970 shells to-day. Other sources make a total deposit of \$8663.00.

Had an auto drive to Lucan, Granton and home by way of Brianston and Asylum side road, took the Misses. Elliotts with us, and enjoyed the drive very much.

Friday
August 18th.

93 in the shade, very close. Paid \$3877.00 to 194 men including ~~\$1000.00~~ piece work, this is the most we have ever paid out on Friday. 176 men are employed on shells which only leaves 5 men in the foundry and ten in the boiler shop.

Mr. Lamond went to Hamilton this morning and secured an order for a 48" x 12' R.T. boiler from the Garlock Packing Co. which we have on hand and very glad to make the sale.

A meeting of the Companies Board was held to-day and 15 minutes covering several dates were confirmed and signed, this concludes our balance sheet of June 30/1918.

Wrote the C.P.R. and Goodyear Rubber Co. that we could not undertake any machine work just now.

Mr. Morgan all day arranging work for the different departments while he will be away. He left for Montreal at 7 P.M. and will likely return by way of Ottawa.

Shipped car to Montreal with one boiler which we have made up recently 72" x 12' for Daly & Morin.

Saturday
August 19th.

Very close and hot with a sprinkle of rain, notwithstanding the thermometer reached 94 in the shade.

Shipped 984 shells. Small mail to-day and very little doing in the office.

Saw the 143, Lendens Gun, pass on their way to have colors presented at Queens Park. Wm. Leonard of St. Thomas was not among them.

Cable received from sons, all well, which we are very glad to receive.

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