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MONDAY
August 28th.

75°, clear and cool. It is just two years to-day since the 6th Field Battery Left London for Valcartier at 6.20 P.M. I had a notice put in the papers to that effect.

Maitland and two men loaded the balance of the Laurie Engine Lathe on a car yesterday, Sunday and made most extraordinary time. The car weighed 42300 lbs. and the whole three cars 96700 lbs. for which we got \$3000.00. It was complete in every respect except hangers for counter shaft which we may possibly have to allow for. This car went forward with draft attached to Bill of Lading and we will be very glad when we get the proceeds.

TUESDAY
August 29th.

Weather the same. Got a cheque from the Imperial Munition Board for \$4488.00.

Presided at Huron & Erie. The North of Scotland Loaning Company have taken a couple of large loans from us in Saskatchewan under a little better conditions. This seems strange to us considering the financial conditions in the old country. Passed a lot of very good loans. The crop reports now from Saskatchewan are quite poor and the result it is thought by our Agents and others will be lower than the average crop for the last few years. Looking over plans for addition to the office at McBrides' and made some suggestions, but on considering the matter afterwards conclude to not go on with the work because on consultation with Mr. Holmes if we take out the proposed vault for books and papers and also the Western ~~side~~ ^{side} for addition to the weighting office the balance of the office left would not warrant the expenditure that I thought would be necessary (\$2,000). Under these circumstances I postponed it for the present anyway and we will get along this winter the way we are. I have come to the conclusion that if we make a change it has got to be a roomy one anyway and would advise extending the office 12 ft. by 32 ft. on the Western Side, closing up the cost office and using it for an express room and other purposes and put the cost office where the present drafting office is. I would carry all this up two stories and have a very nice drawing office and storage for office papers for 20 years to come, this would cost about \$3,000.00 which I do not think at present is necessary. If you feel like having a plan prepared on these lines costing about \$3000. I will have them made and submitted.

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WEDNESDAY
August 30th.

Same temperature and a nice working day. Some wires and letters about general business which is a little encouraging. Shipped two boilerplate Mercier, Levis, Que. It appears they are to go into a Munitions factory near that City. Shipped a car of 972 in 5" shells to-day.

Received order for two Sterilizers for Camp Hughes and London Camp similar to the one we sold to the London Asylum some years ago. Got another cheque for \$4500.00 from the Munitions Board.

THURSDAY
August 31st.

Cool and bright 87 in the shade. Mr. Morgan returned home feeling better and with quite a few pointers regarding shell output. He was eight days at Pine Point Maine. While he was away we had a call from Lieut. Green of the Imperial Inspection Department Toronto who now insists that we use a third gauge to work out the long thread on the end of our shells more accurately and practically dead true, no leeway whatever. Mr. Morgan and I had a conference with Mr. Tidy on this subject and we are up against it pretty hard as he will not accept of these in process, over 1000, without this gauge is put in them. We all consider this a high handed piece of business and not what we call white to jump on us like this. He insists that we are not using modern machinery, that is we suppose special machinery. Mr. Morgan is going to see where he can improve our present machinery to bring the product up to the point required and if he fails to do so we will have to probably invest in a milling machine that cuts the thread out with a milling cutter. This will cost at least \$1000.00 extra which we will try and avoid considering we have less than four months to complete our order.

We cabled you the state of our finances and wrote under another letter which is very gratifying to the entire staff.

Shipped 474 shells, were we expected double that quantity to-day, and was owing to our scales getting out of order unnoticed and weighing the shells heavy which will now have to be turned off in some way to pass weight. We have now on our siding and in its vicinity two carloads of boxes and four carloads of forgings. It looks as if they are bound we will not complain for any shortage. We have on hand all the copper bands that is required till next December. Will report in my next letter as to our shells, profits, etc, regarding other business.

FRIDAY
SEPT. 1st.

Quite warm again, 78 in the shade. Paid \$4174.00 to 207 men including \$1837.00 for piecework. Lunched at the Tecumseh house.

While away Mr. Morgan investigated our high speed scrap steel, can only get 30¢ a lb. for it in Montreal, but made some enquiries and one of the firms are working up a lot of their broken pieces which I think seriously of doing. This will be quite a saving to us as we are still paying \$2.90 per lb. for this very necessary product.

Mr. Morgan says that when he visited E. Long Manfg. company of Orillia (Wednesday), he found where he went to look into how they milled on the thread in the nose found they first threaded them, the way we do 1st and with a second and last operation milled the thread out which left very little then of course to be done on the thread which is really the point of success that they have made. Mr. Long received him very nicely and gave him a lot of information. There are four or five operations which costs them a little less than us, but in all the operations we are saving a little time on them, so we feel fairly well satisfied if it was not for this new order coming out. The Long Company got their order for 5" the same time we got our order for 4.5 and have been on the same size shell ever since which has given them an advantage and a prestige at Ottawa, with their present outfit

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they are doing very little better per week than we, but by the end of this month they expect to increase their output 250 to 300 shells as they have put up an addition to their factory and are installing a lot of special tools for the purpose at an expenditure of 65000.00, in the face of less than half we have expended to reach our present output, we consider we are financially a good deal better off than they are.

Cabled you both goose egg day arrived, all well, by Marconi and hope you received it on Sunday, please say when it arrived.

Have at last got Woodman's picture photograph in front of kennel framed and hung on the mantle piece in the reception room where it gets good light and shows up very nicely and I am sure you will be well pleased with it.

SATURDAY
Sept. 2nd.

Bright and cool, Mr. Holmes left at noon to-day for Sunday and Monday to visit his son, Mrs. Holmes is there receiving treatment for her eyes.

Shipped a car of 400 shells. The third law to blame for we should have had 1000 instead.

Shipped a car with the Garlock Packing Company order of 48" x 12' Stat. Boiler.

Watson Jack now say that we may expect advice of the shipment of 100 tons of plates and heads in a very few days. They have made so many promised of this kind that we will believe it when we see it.

Got telephone order for a sterilizer for Barriefield Camp, this will make the third. Ordered a couple of plates from Chicago to finish as we are so very low in sizes necessary. We are asking \$365.00 for these sterilizers based on the plans that we got approved by the Ontario Inspection Department a couple of years ago. They weigh a little over 3000# when finished and there should be a very good margin in it if the staying does not run up too high. However the three of these, we should be able to save quite a little bit in the manufacture. Left the office early in the afternoon and went to the Kennels with your mother and Alice, also Mr. Tidy, the luffard I stayed over night.

Cable received from seas, "All Well".

U.S. Congress passed the 8 hr. law which was brought about largely by threatening to tie up 200 railroads in the U.S. by calling out all the working staff. The result of this effort will be far reaching and lead to a great deal of friction and trouble, it is to come into force 1st January next. The Railway Presidents say that the public are going to hear from them next, because Congress has not the power to regulate the days pay for the people and they will prove it by an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States who have rapped up and nullified a great many such wild cat schemes.

Cars loaded for week August 28th to Sept. 2/1916.

August 28th.	1 Car Laurie Lath	(third and last)
30th	1 " Boiler to Montreal	
30th	1 " Shells	
31st	1 " Shells	
Sept. 2nd	1 " Boiler to Hamilton	
" 2nd	1 " Shells	

Cars unloaded for week August 28th to Sept. 2nd.

August 28th.	1 Car Coal	1 Car shell boxes
" 31st.	1 " for range	

Sept. 1 - 1 car forgings.