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SUNDAY

Sept. 3rd.

Worked Hydro power in the new extension all day on shells with a pretty good gang, also assorted rejected shells. Mr. Morgan, Buchanan and Marshall, and others in attendance.

MONDAY

Sept. 4th.

Cool and bright, Labor Day. Spent the most of it at the kennels. Nearly all the men turned out that were working on shells which was very satisfactory and we made fair progress.

TUESDAY

Sept. 5th.

Cool and bright. Disbursed a very heavy mail with one order from Evans for a Clipper and 54" x 14' in the yard. He has hardly got price enough and will try and get an increase.

Received cheque for \$4500. from I.M.B. and other sections, in all \$6400.00.

Had a wire order from Plant for our last 13 x 12 Clipper at \$700.00 a little over our list price but the sale was not consummated.

We are in receipt of a great many repair orders now that the winter is coming on especially for boiler parts.

WEDNESDAY

Sept. 6th.

88 in the shade, with a little rain.

Jencke Machine Company, St. Catharines, Ontario asked us to quote on a 72 x 16 and if not to say what we wanted for plates for same. We replied that we could not furnish either, all that we had were either spoken for or required. This is a pretty cool piece of business, after if they think we will do them any favor after five years coaxing them to do a little something for the trade.

Received from Capt. Burgoyne, St. Catharines, two packages of brass shell cases all in excellent order, presume this is what Woodman ~~was~~ wrote about. Will put them aside for further orders. Acknowledged the receipt of same to Capt. Burgoyne for his kindness.

Morgan is having a lot of trouble with his rough turners and borers. They think that \$40.00 a week should not carry any risk and we all think different. They must realize that they will have to pay for any under turning or over boring, as the whole cost including the cost of the blank shell would come out of us.

Settled our old standing account with Arthur Knowles by a counter account of some \$300.00 work turning up plugs for the base of shells. Were glad to get this old thing straightened out, we charged him about half the interest he ought to have paid but were glad to get the principal.

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Sept. 6th.

Mr. Morgan is of the opinion by what he heard in Montreal that most of the iron trade in Canada and United States are kept alive by Munition contracts. If this be true we are sure to have a year of dull times after our contract is finished. The Railways and large concerns wanting improvements will certainly not pay the high prices that they are obliged to for all kind of iron material unless it is absolutely necessary.

Got \$2100.00 from Regal Coal Company, Telford, Alta. the balance on 2 72" x 18' shipped them. These two boilers are about the only thing of consequence that George Stewart has sold during this year so far. He however writes encouragingly of the prospects, if crops are an indication of better times in that ~~country~~, they are certainly very near for their crop this year is going to be equal if not more than 1915 which was a banner.

Called with Mother and Alice on the 63rd & 64th Batteries at their camp at the end of the street railway line North. Found a very fine lot of officers and men. Horses a little undersized to my notion. Keith was very glad to see us and he is well spoken of in the City and by his men and certainly has got things in fine shape there. Major Walker of the 64th, we were all favorably impressed with. The men leave for training to Petawawa on Saturday, it is altogether likely they will be back to either Ouelph or London for the winter. The horses and buildings are under special guard for the present.

THURSDAY
Sept. 7th.

Some rain and very warm, 90 in the shade.

Imperial Oil Company will not give us any business, always somebody lower than us no matter what we tender for. I am getting sick of that kind of business and we will just have to drop them altogether as soon as our yearly contract for oil is out.

Cheque for \$4450.00 from the Imperial Munition Board for two car of shells.

Mr. Holmes when in Windsor was told that the Ford Company, Detroit have secured over 1000 acres of land next to the Ojibway, branch of the U.S. Steel Company near Windsor for the Manufacture of a Tractor for farm purposes. We have heard several times in the last year that they were perfecting a machine for this purpose and if so they will no doubt manufacture it on the lines of their present auto and sweep the country. Ford is the best organizer I think in the Manufacturing in this Continent, he knows how to make things in quantities. Their profits in the United states are some 53,000,000.00 for the year ending in July, something enormous. If this is half true we would have pretty hard work to introduce a tractor if he fights it out on the same lines as his autos, as he makes about half the autos in the U.S. and is gradually lowering the price. He must have spent \$75,000. in a magnificent warehouse on the C.P.R. track corner of Waterloo Street. The citizens clubbed together and got a pavement from Dufferin Avenue to the C.P.R. tracks which greatly pleased him. They will not let any grass grow under their feet in anything they undertake.

Attended to letters and ordered some plates from Chicago in order to covers orders for four sterilizers that we have got recently from the Department of Militia & Defence at \$365.00 each. They are to go into four camps for Hospital service. We think we should make a fair profit at these figures notwithstanding increased costs. We are obliged to get the turning of the rings and covers done outside as we have not got a lathe to spare.

Province

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Millions.

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Sept. 7th.

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Sept. 11th.

Did not feel well to-day and remained in looking over years statement of business which I hope to send to you very shortly.

FRIDAY
Sept. 8th.

Cloudy and cool. Paid \$4006.00 to 203 men including \$1610.00 on piece work. Had an excellent run during the night. 365 shells finished turned and 320 shells bored. This is at the rate of 600 per day. Mergan is feeling some encouraged.

The I.M.B. are crowding us now with rough shells and boxes, six cars are waiting to be unloaded in the G.T. yard. We cannot get laboring help at \$2.50 per day, men are so scarce.

SATURDAY
Sept. 9th.

Cool and bright. Broke shaft in the new extension (3rd) at one A.M. and all that part of the establishment stopped. Got a new shaft from White's Rolling Mills and Warren Bros. have agreed to turn it and we will get it into its place tonight if possible. (Note - The shaft was finished and in place at noon on Sunday.)

Answered G.M. Evans wire for repairs on an 84" Lancashire Boiler sent to Chatham, N.B. They fired up without water and the flues came down, it is impossible for us to assist them with material or labor just at present. The boiler should go to a boiler shop and have two new flues made and put into it. It is about 20 years old.

I.M.B. keep banging away at us for output, there is no use of writing them what obligations we have as they drop up on after another in a straight line. Really the shell making is not a bed of roses to the office, foreman or the men. Buchanan is very much discouraged and ready to go back on his old job and Mergan is much in the same stage. I hope by Monday morning after they get rested that things will be more cheerful. The sky is blue over head and so is most everything underneath it, on the South side of York Street between Waterloo and Colborne.

Received your cable to-day announcing all well. Was surprised it came from Felkestone, but suppose your letter will explain the reason as we do not suppose either of you are yet on leave.

We are greatly discouraged to-day at not getting a car of 1500 shells off, it lacked a few but the Inspector would not let it go. This getting out of shells in series is a bungling humbug and I am disgusted with it, especially as you need the shells over in France.

Cars Unloaded from Sept. 4th to 9th.

3 Cars Coal
3 " Shell Boxes
2 " Rough Shells

Cars Loaded

1 Car shells, but could not get clearance from Inspector.