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MONDAY
September 18th.

Very small mail and very few inquiries. Unloaded two carloads of rough shells on Sunday as there are so many in the railroad yard we are afraid of being charged with demurrage.

Several men left Saturday on account of being docked for spoiling shells. It seems that they want to spoil all they can and at the same time be paid for same. Mr. Morgan is tightening the screws all along the line in this regard which is only a just thing to do as far as we are concerned.

Very busy day in the office making statements of last years business so that you would have all the papers before you at the same time.

Inspector Green and another visiting Inspector from the United States over looked our shells and made some objections asking us why we did not buy the latest machinery. They acted very queer when Mr. Morgan wanted to get his opinion about certain shells being allowed to pass but he was too fey and would not give a decision either one way or the other. This annoyed Mr. Morgan and it may lead to a little friction or it may do a great deal of good. We used to be glad to see these travelling inspectors, but they have been very critical and fault finding all summer and we dread to see them poking round with their trifling drawbacks. I feel like having a real down right fight with the whole lot of them and would so so as it is holding up our out put in the face of most urgent demand from the Imperial Munition Board, you would think that they would assist us in a case like this but they will not say a word nor raise their little finger so we would have to fight it out alone. This is our only draw back and hope it will not be necessary. Resident Inspector Tidy was unfortunately away, which might have eased up the criticism a little as he is strict enough the dear knows but is just any way.

Letter from Woodman to Mother which I sent forward to Montreal.

TUESDAY
Sept. 19th.

The men finished topping off a dozen chimneys in the boiler shop, foundry and office which were in miserable shape, they put cement slabs on the top and a little tile and they look very much better.

Quite a few business letters to-day and wires about boilers which seem to be getting scarcer. Of late we have had several enquiries from Waterous about boilers and one from Goldie & McCulloch whom we understand are much in the same state as ourselves, shortage of material.

Got business year statements off to sons with a long letter which Mr. Holmes supplemented.

Attended Huron & Erie, very little doing to-day.
Saw Edna off for Toronto at 5.10 P.M.

Sept. 29/14.

WEDNESDAY
Sept. 30th.

Mr. Lamond got an order for a 36" x 10 ft. Boiler for a cheese factory near Stratford, he also went to Woodstock to get tenders for removing the two engines from Woodstock & Thames Valley Railway engine house. We ~~got~~ ^{get} ~~one~~ ^{one} of their generators little better than its worth in scrap. We are quoting it to an inquiry East but doubt if it will materialize. *Cow*

Got prices from Chicago on $\frac{1}{2}$ " plates for five more 72" x 14 ft. R.T. boilers without tubes and submitted a price through C.H. Plant which we are afraid will not be satisfactory. We find on looking up the cost of labor on the last five that the Cook boys have not done too bad under the circumstances, and based our price accordingly. Chicago price for $\frac{1}{2}$ " plates is 4¢ per lb. F.O.B. and as Canadian stocks are dwindling down this place will be the only one from which we can get material for some months to come.

Mr. Tidy returned to-day from a short visit in Toronto and seems more tractable, Mr. Mergan has for this reason postponed his talking to him very plainly as to the extra finish he requires on shells that are going to be vaselined.

THURSDAY
Sept. 21st.

Estimated on two 42 & 54" Open Tanks for Warren Bros. for Hyams Tannery (they never directly asked us strange to say), but as we are now paying for material nearly as much as we got for complete tank two years ago we do not expect that they will order.

Busy unloading rough shells and boxes.

Finished estimate on eight (8) flues of a Lancashire boiler sold 21 years ago at Chatham, N.B., was fortunate enough to have cost data all O.K. but are short some of the drawings. The plates for these Robertsons is going to charge us 5¢ a lb. with considerable waste which staggers us, however we made the estimate of \$132.00 each for the completed rings rivetted up, but doubt very much if the thing goes through. We are also in receipt from the same Company ^{now} for a 72" x 18 ft. for 150 $\frac{1}{2}$ working pressure, but as we had no material or tubes we could not give a delivery date. *sections*

A cruel list of officers and men from Canada in the Casualty of Sept. 15th, we suppose from where Woodmans Division was at work.

FRIDAY
Sept. 22nd.

Paid \$3649.00 to 197 men including \$1422.00 piece work. Unloading rough shells and boxes. Directing laying off of plates for sterilizers as it does not pay to make a mistake with material so expensive.

Finished two 72" R.T. boilers without tubes and I think Cooks' have made a splendid job.

SATURDAY
Sept. 23rd.

Unloaded one car of coal and loaded up half car of finished shells. Things seem to be working more responsive on shells in all the shops.

Order from C.H. Plant for 66" x 14 ft. Ret. Tub. in the yard, secondhand. He writes that he may sell another of the same size, wired him on the subject.

Cars Unloaded for week 18th to 23rd.

18th.	2	Cars shells
18th	1	" Boxes
19th	1	" Shells
19th.	1	" Coal
20th	2	" Shells
20th	1	" Boxes
21st	1	" Boxes
22nd	1	" Coal
22nd	2	" SHELLS
23rd	1	" "
23rd	1	" "
23rd	1	Car(Loaded)shells.