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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1ST.

Bright and cool. Mr. Tidy, Inspector, had dinner with me. Had a pleasant call on Mrs. F. Ware who showed me some of her husbands snap shots including many of General Mercier's staff, she speaks in the very highest terms of the latter, I suppose Frank is still on that staff. Laying plates in machine shop.

Met Sir George Gibbons when out for a walk who drove me home in his motor, he was very much pleased with the way we are progressing.

Received cable at 3 P.M. announcing the good news that both well, and wrote you a long letter on different subjects.

MONDAY
October 2nd.

Made out monthly dividend cheques and deposited same.

C.H. Plant sends us an order for a 66 x 14' R.T. Boiler at 10 off the list F.O.B. London.

The valves in the compressor in boiler shop gave out today and we lost half a day in repairing some spares but got it going. This piece of machinery has given us the very best of satisfaction working to its full capacity 15 hrs. a day for over 12 months without any interruption.

Consulted Messrs. Holmes & Morgan and we decided to put a five foot extension to walls of boiler house and put a new roof on same according to McBrides specification for \$775.00 by Henry Hayman. We have gone high enough so that if we want to raise the boiler at any time in the future 18" more above the grates we will prepare to do so, the old roof has practically gone to pieces.

Decided also to write and wire George Stewart re sale of a second hand 72" x 16 ft. which he has completed for \$250.00 without consulting us. This boiler stands us \$319.00 on the books and we decided to try and keep our customer to this price, he is a little too free about doing business for us and we sometimes think works things to the customers advantage more than the Companies.

Shipped one car with 500 shells to-day.

TUESDAY
October 3rd.

Mr. Holmes left at noon to-day on a ten days holiday to Windsor, visiting his son. He much needed the change and I hope he will come back improved.

Attended Young Mens Christian Assn. lunch as an encouragement for raising funds for the next years work.

James Lamond at Court all day in a case of Blake against Keenleyside Oil Company of this City who sued him for a boiler which the latter bought after looking at it with his Engineer, Judge McBeath reserved decision but it will likely go against Keenleyside.

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Attended Huron & Erie we are having quite a lot of good loans coming in and also money to invest, holding our own all along the line.

We had a visit from Inspector of gauges to-day and found he was very reasonable and not of the obstruction kind which is quite refreshing.

Sent your Aunt's the Estate cheques. Paid Judge Britton \$400.00 on principal and interest for three months on Oakwood mortgage.

WEDNESDAY

October 4th.

Very poor mail. Returned half car load of condemned shells to Welland. The Inspectors here are taking a most uncalled for position we think by condemning holes in shells no much larger than a good sized pin head, it seems the shell is otherwise a perfect article. It is hard enough on them and doubly hard on us when holes are developed in the last stages of finishing, there does not seem to be any common sense about wasting material and time.

Industrial school will take their boiler, 72" x 16' at any time. We have just barely enough material $\frac{3}{8}$ thick to fill the contract and that by making the courses in two pieces.

THURSDAY

October 5th.

Hayman started on the boiler house and he will build the new roof up in sections and remove the old roof in the same manner so that there will be no delay or trouble from the element in keeping our boilers going.

Loaded and shipped another car of 500 shells to-day.

Sent Vancouver Machinery Depot Company list of engines and boilers, one car to be sent to Montreal and one to St. John, N.B. as they can sell these goods very readily in either of the places mentioned. Some of the machinery has been out there in stock four years and nearly all the rest three years, and Mr. Holmes and I figure that with the increased price, we will make after paying the freight, a small margin and get our money for stock that has been a heavy load for us to carry nearly \$10,000.00. I do not know how they will like it but if we pay them back the freight that they advanced which we have added to our price they cannot possibly object to it, business out there has not improved. The only business going on as far as I can see is building of a few sailing vessels which require auxiliary steam outfits which they would like us to furnish the boilers for, but we cannot undertake it because we cannot get the plates in time as called for.

FRIDAY

October 6th.

Paid \$3963.00 to 199 men including \$1521.00 on piece work. It cost me \$350.00 to put a new boiler in Oakwood including brickwork, piping, etc, etc, James Lamond distributed the pay envelopes and the young ladies in the office made them up.

Our old friend Lacey has started cleaning windows and makes quite a job of it, we pay him .20¢ an hour, it will take him three weeks to do this job they are so very dirty not having been cleaned for 12 months.

SATURDAY

October 7th.

Subscribed \$300.00 to the Young Mens Christian Assn., yearly subscription, \$100.00 payable in April, July and October 1917.

The 14th London Gun left to-day and by a misadventure I was not able to see Will Leonard, whom we understand has sold his house in St. Thomas, this means I think that his wife and daughter will follow him to England and reside there while he is in France, it looks as if they would be crossing very soon.

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Received letter from you both dated 18th of September which are most satisfactory.

Also forwarded a letter from each of you to your mother at Ottawa which she will get Monday morning.

Shipped a car to Montreal of three boilers, two of which are sold.

We are busy stencilling a lot of condemned shells probably 500 from three different forge Companies. We do not propose however to ship them back until they are examined and approved by their own inspectors.