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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15th.

The Country around the City and City proper are looking their best with the change in foliage. The green ground at Oakwood with Oak and Maple leaves covering same make a beautiful carpet. Was very, very tired to-day the result of so many things during the past week and remained in bed until 3.30. Received a cable, congratulations for mothers birthday and saying on leave and all well which is most gratifying.

MONDAY
OCTOBER 16th.

Sent weekly mail to sons in duplicate. Estimated on an exhaust steam heater for new extension which we have decided to be 30" dia. and 16 ft. long with 80 - 2" tubes, this will be of sufficient capacity to heat another 72 ft. in the future. We will likely put in a fan and a special 7 x 10 Ball engine to run it which we can buy and repair at very little cost. We did think of putting in a motor to drive the fan but there would be a monthly charge for six months in the year, that puts that out of the proposition.

Maitland laid more cast iron plates in the shop extension. *yesterday*
Attended Council Meeting in the evening and secured \$5,000.00 for the British Red Cross with a unanimous vote.

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 17th.

Vancouver Machinery Depot agree to return two carload of machinery, one to Montreal and one to St. John as suggested. This is quite satisfactory.

Received letter from sons about option and preferred stock which will be answered later on.

Phoned and wrote Mr. Wm. Inglis about meeting of engine and boiler section, which he said would not matter if we were not represented.

Attended Huron & Erie where were some good loans, the money market is in a queer state, sometimes encouraging and sometimes discouraging. We are going to go slowly any way.

Mr. Morgan more cheerful about output, seem to be reducing the number of rejects and we hope to relieve the shop considerably in the next two week of rejects. Shipped on car of shells to-day.

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18th.

Brickwork on the new boiler house practically finished. Vancouver Machinery wired us for a large locomotive crane, secondhand if possible and we were able to locate one in St. John, N.B. at a very low price to which we have added 5%.

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THURSDAY

OCTOBER 19th.

Very poor mail. Engine and boiler section will raise the price on the 23rd as per enclosed slip. Mr. William Inglis writes that plates are worth now 5g per lb. from the mill and tubes run about 8g per lb. which makes the purchase of boilers almost prohibitory. He expects this state of things to last for six months. This is not very encouraging.

Received \$2100.00 from the Imperial Munition Board.

British Red Cross Subscription of \$200.00 was supplemented by employees for ~~200.00~~, this is \$60.00 short of last years.

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FRIDAY

OCTOBER 20th.

Paid \$4155.00 to 209 men including \$1560.00 on piece work. Looked over securities at Haxon & Erie from 9.30 A.M. to 9.30 P.M. with Messrs. Jewel, Karns & McLeish. Consequently did not go to the office to-day.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21st.

Received cheque for \$2000.00 from the Imperial Munition Board.

Testing our first sterilizer which on the whole is a rough looking job. Cannot get those Cook boys to do neat work, they will not do anything more than rush things through.

Received from E.W.L. a brass tobacco jar with all his papers in good order from Mrs. Higgins of Toronto.

Alice and I called on Mrs. Gallop whose son died of wounds in France about two weeks ago. He had just finished his two years apprenticeship in the machine shop and was a very fine fellow.

Alice also called on Mrs. Kerry, who was out. He left London with the 6th Field Battery, and still has a son in the same.

Total shipment of shells this week amounts to 2856 which is quite an improvement we are glad to say.

Received a letter from Aubrey and McAvity which was quite satisfactory as to continuation on shells, 60 Prs. They inform me that the demand now has shifted to 6" shells, which there appears to be a great scarcity of.

Cars unloaded from Oct. 16 to 21st.

2 Cars coal

Cars loaded from Oct. 16 to 21st.

4 cars shells - 3 Finished

1 - Rejected shells.