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SUNDAY
November 5th.

Clear and cold. Went for a motor ride along the South side of river to Wyton and West on 4th concession to Hyde Park, Springbank and home for 2½ hrs.

Had several in to afternoon tea. Mr. & Mrs. Carling, Col. and Mrs. Cohoe, Miss Harris & Col. Smith.

Wrote a long letter to sons advising trip to Russia before returning to take in the Agricultural situation.

Miatland put down some more plates.

MONDAY
November 6th.

Four cars of blank shells arrived or on the way so we will start up half of the machines now idle.

Thos. Robertson & Company notify us that our 100 tons of plates ordered a year ago will be shipped to London before the 1st January. This is good news and will give us 200 tons to start business for the new year.

Planned with Morgan for rebuilding of oven for heating shells as required by a new order from the Inspection Department. We will remove the horizontal drill, grind stone and emery wheel in the mounting shop about 20 ft. West of where they are now and have plenty of room for all the sheet iron work that is offering. We shall also bring up the blacksmith shop floor level about 18 ft. also to accommodate shells between the two Inspection departments.

Letter from Woodman expressing disappointment at the profits for the last year which we rather expected but for many reasons we should consider it quite satisfactory.

Received a cable from Woodman consenting to another extension West of the machine shop which we will do providing the moving of the above machinery will not give us all the room we need.

TUESDAY
November 7th.

Unloading two car of plates. Turned the whole boiler shop halpting to do same which took about two days and a half.

Received papers and old deeds from Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons of the Trafalgar property recently paid for and they are now in an envelope in the safe.

Attended Huron & Erie and Canada Trust Company, made some very good loans. Fixed rates on guaranteeing loans in the latter company.

WEDNESDAY
November 8th.

Finished unloading plates and commenced sorting, they are marked 58,000 tensile strength which is a little disappointing but the 2000 lbs. short we do not think will materially effect the pressure that the boilers are

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expected to carry. We rather expected this under present conditions of the Steel Companies being master of the situation.

Showed E.W.L.'s letter to Mr. Holmes and we called upon Sir George who looked over same and taking it altogether considered them very fair. He advised us not to send a cheque to Ottawa for the War Tax until we were requested to do so. He also advised us to ask from the British Bank all the three agreements that have been standing for some years in connection with our loans from them. Mr. Holmes saw Mr. Key who promised very nicely to look them over and return same to us. *Reed Nov 10-16*

Ordered \$1150.00 of High speed steel based on a letter from Kidston who says that he can supply it from various manufacturers at about \$1.25 per lb. (which we have been paying for a year back \$3.00) We are in little doubt if he will be able to accomplish this but will try. We will get the endorsement of course of the Imperial Munition Board that this steel will be used on Munitions. *Reed Nov 10-16*

Unloaded one 72" x 18' Woodstock boiler which we find in much better shape than we supposed and when cleaned and tested should net us \$700.00.

Another Inspector arrived which we are glad of, we should now bring up our output to nearly 3000 per week.

Attended audit committee of the Huron & Erie for last quarter. Find it very expensive to do business in the Northwest where we have to pay big rates for everything including auto hire.

THURSDAY
November 9th.

Hot and cold. Arranged location of fan and heater for extension. Made out routine of work during absence. Shipped 986 shells to-day.

FRIDAY
November 10th.

Cold and bright. Paid wages \$3392.00 including \$1142.00 piece work. Shipped car of shells 984.. Remittances received to-day amount to \$603.00.

SATURDAY
November 11th.

An inquiry from Cerawall for a small boiler 30" dia. 6 ft. long. Inquiry from the Dept Militia and Defence for 6 - 6 x 6 engines, vertical or horizontal. We will not be able to quote on same but will see if we can purchase them from the Clark Engine and Boiler Co. Received an order from C.M. Plant for an 18 H.P. Dairy Boiler to be shipped March 1st. Received order from the Dominion Sugar Co. Chatham for 10 x 10 Vertical Engine, this we have ordered from the Clark Engine & Boiler Co. and will be shipped direct to Chatham. We received an order from the Ontario Metal Products Company Toronto for 30 - 3" x 47" circles and 30 - 3" x 50" circles which we have sold at 3¢ per lb. being some old stock on hand for sometime.

Yours very truly,