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SUNDAY
December 3rd.

Received cable from Ibbotson "well" which indicates that he is alright and regret that he could not say both well. However we have later advise from Woodman which relieves our anxiety.

Had Major Bishop, Capt. Calwell and Mr. Morse of the C.F.R. with their wives for tea this afternoon.

Mr. Norwood had supper with us and had a long talk with him. His ideas are certainly very beautiful and most liberal.

Mr. Maitland got oven track down ready for concrete to-day.

MONDAY
December 4th.

Received \$4400.00 from the Imperial Munition Board.

Advanced prices of Locomotive Boilers to full list at Waterous' request to net and notified agents. We are not now in good shape for making up a stock of these and I doubt very much if we should ever try to carry plates or boilers made up as the trade has been very unsuccessful in the last 10 years doing business on this line.

We had a recent quotation for steel boiler plates from England and with freight to London Mr. Holmes figures out that it would cost us \$3.25 per 100 lbs. if the British Government would allow them to Export to Canada for ordinary purposes.

Lieut. Wm. Cook late of Bradstreets, London, Ontario had supper with us and I had a pleasant hour with him showing Woodman's photographs, maps, etc. He was able to point out the very section in which he was stationed with his bombing section. Last June he was severely wounded having a small piece of shell in the lining of his stomach and shrapnel bullet in his arm and one under his floating rib, the latter are still in place and give no trouble. He was burried for sometime and suffered from shell shock and blinded with sand. He is instructor here for Militia District No. 1 and is now looking first rate and ready to go back again very shortly, he is one of the pluckiest fellows in this City.

Attended Council meeting and said a few words about the City Guaranteeing Industrial Bonds for a school inaugurated by the Board of Trade to bring Industries here. It is proposed to secure stock from citizens and secure several sections of land in the South Eastern part of the City connected by an interswitch from all railroads and induce manufacturers to locate. We will have to subscribe and take stock in it to help the enterprise. The City put up no money but will give the company a standing by guaranteeing.

We had a call from Mr. Wilson, Gauge Inspector who seems like a very reliable man, we asked him to come in and keep us straight in this particular, which he seemed most anxious to do.

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Wrote out a cheque from each of your accounts for \$882.00 to cover purchase of 3000 roubles as intimated in my former letter. We will get the interim receipt from New York in a day or two and the Bonds themselves in about eight weeks.

Mr. Ivey late of the Malleable Iron Company, Guelph to whom we sold the High Speed Engine has identified himself with the Imperial Munition Board, Production Department and will assist us very much. He is well pleased with the way we treated him and I expect considerable pleasure in his administration.

Mr. Armstrong of the Canada Forge Company here passing a lot of rejects. He so far has not disputed any that we wish to send back to him.

Received an order for 5, 40 H.P. Eclipse Boilers for Mr. Fitzgerald for the War Supply Commission three of which are at Vancouver, one in Montreal and one in St. John. We have got enough to cover the freight and about \$150.00 more delivered at St. John crated for ocean shipment. This will make us very busy but we are glad to get rid of these five boilers in one batch, some of them have been in stock at Vancouver for over two years.

Attended Huron & Erie, very few loans before us.

Attended dinner at the Tecumseh House given by the Board of Trade to Mr. Adams of the Conservation Department, Ottawa advocating City There were 125 sat down with Mayors, Aldermen and Councillors from the different Towns and Cities in Western Ontario, his address was very much appreciated and we hope some good will result from the act to be put before the legislature this coming season.

WEDNESDAY
December 6th.

Our track from boiler shop to shipping platform is free to-day for the first time in nearly four months having been blocked with shells. We have been obliged to team things round from one part of the establishment to another in consequence.

Decided to have the three Eclipse in Vancouver shipped to London where we will fit the fire clay slabs, mountings, etc and crate and reship them to St. John, N.B.

Shipped car of 974 shells today.

Received three packages by mail from Woodman which I sorted the same evening and put in one envelope, one of these packages was his diary for October.

Started up two cut off machines on open ends to-day.

Called with your Mother on Lieut. Nellis, Prospect Avenue son of John E. Nellis Insurance Broker but failed to see him. He is back from the front with something wrong with his leg.

THURSDAY
December 7th.

Sent Wood, Gundy & Company cheque for \$9406.00 for \$10,000. worth of Anglo French Bonds at 94-1/16. These are five year bonds and will yield us equal to 6-1/5 interest per annum at maturity.

Rounded a bulge out of the bottom of a 66" boiler which was 1 1/2" deep, and 3 ft. long by cutting the boiler in two and taking out the front head, heating the bulge in the bottom with a wellslight and rolling it backwards and forwards, the result is most satisfactory as we got the course practical straight and strange to say the plate contracted enough in width (about 2") to bring the plate back to its original 7/16 thickness. Please remember this By this means we did not disturb the triple rivetted butt joint and saved putting in an entire new course of steel.

Had a long conversation with Mr. Morgan about the 30,000, 5" shells that we will have to thread under drawings called mark VII and he is in quite a quandary whether he can do with his present tools or be obliged to

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purchase a milling machine which will cost us \$1200.00.

FRIDAY

December 8th.

Paid \$3418.00 to 184 men including \$1138.00 piece work.
 Answered long wire from Mr. Fitzgerald and instructed Plant to show him the Eclipse in Montreal.

Had a wire from A. E. Ames & Company Toronto offering 10,000 Anglo French Bonds at \$93.75 which will yield us about 6% for five years. Told him to secure same for us and I would send him a cheque tomorrow on receipt of the statement.

Shipped car of 1466 shells.

Cars loaded Dec. 4th to Dec. 9th.

1 Car Boiler, etc, Medicine Hat
 2 Cars Finished shells
 1 - Car Boiler, etc, Montreal.

Cars unloaded Dec. 4th to Dec. 9th.

1 Car coal
 1 " Fire Brick & Clay