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FRIDAY
December 8th.
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Authorized G.H. Evans to purchase a Clark engine similar to our Clipper, cylinder 14 x 13 to have on hand in case we fail to get a couple of 13 x 12 Eclipse through the shop.

Second car of our large order for tubes arrived which is very satisfactory. We need not have any anxiety in this regard for the next three months.

We received a telephone order, subsequently confirmed by wire from Edward Fitzgerald of the War Office Service to enter an order for 13 additional Eclipse Boilers 40 H.P. and two 50 H.P. Eclipse Boilers one to come from Vancouver and the other is in Montreal all as per price quoted him \$1275.00 and \$1400.00 each f.o.b. St. John, N.B. all packed for Overseas Service and very urgent shipment.

Wired Evans about slabs and wrote Plant. Will send slabs, smoke stack and grates with car on Saturday.

Wired Vancouver to ship with some Uprights that they do not seem to sell in that section.

This order for 20 boilers in all will amount to \$25,000.00 or more and will amply pay for the freight to the Pacific and back to St. John N.B. and give us a little margin, this will turn a stock of 7 or \$8,000. into cash which will be very acceptable as they pay us on arrival at St. John.

Had a consultation with Edgar, William and Sam Cook and they are now busy making out lists of shortages, we will only have to buy one plate, 75 stays and a couple of nozzles in order to complete material for this order. The steel plates we recently got work in with little or no loss. The great object now will be to get these out in the very limited time promised. We are going to do it if possible.

SATURDAY
December 9th.

Cold and snow flurries. John Dodds here surveying plates and heads which he finds satisfactory so we can immediately proceed. Arranged for some work to be done on Sunday which will be necessary. Left for Detroit at noon and returned on Monday evening.

TUESDAY
December 12th.

Cold and snowing. Left with Morgan at 9.30 and arrived at Toronto, had a pleasant ride with Mr. & Mrs. Waterous. They are very busy getting out engines, boilers and saw mills for Overseas Service, and tell me that they have one mill working in Windsor Castle Park cutting lumber for War purposes besides several mills in different parts of England doing the same work on Public and private forests, it appears there is a great demand for lumber.

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They are full of orders, principally pulp mill machinery which will keep them running until next September. I wish we had some special line of work like they have.

Saw Bob McCulloch who says that they have never had any trouble in making shells because they started over with an expert. From what I can hear this is a long statement as Inglis says they have their troubles as well as anybody else.

Attended meeting in presence of Flavelle and others as enumerated in a private letter.

Spent the evening with Edna Fitzgerald very pleasantly.

WEDNESDAY

December 13th.

Went with Morgan to the Inglis Company and Holden Morgan Company as enumerated in the same letter.

After lunch did a little inspecting with Mr. Fetterly of the Huron & Erie. I must say that the growth of Toronto North of the C.P.R. is very very surprising.

THURSDAY

December 14th.

Cold and snow flurries. Had a look over what work has been done on War Order Service and find things have gone along very satisfactory.

Received \$1100.00 from the I.M.B.

Looked over work on Eclipse and reported same to John Dodds by letter.

FRIDAY

December 15th.

Still very cold, put on heavy overcoat and fur cap, winter has commenced in earnest.

Paid \$4075.00 to 191 men including \$1591.00 for piece work.

Shipped 988 shells to-day. Deposited our surplus Bonds in Safety Deposit Box in Canada Trust.

SATURDAY

December 16th.

Very cold with snow flurries.

Mr. Holmes & Mr. Morgan very much worried over the coal situation, bought a car for \$6.68 if it is any good.

Eclipse boilers making very good progress in boiler shop.

Attended Board of Trade meeting re Industrial Association for the promotion of New Industries to the City. The City will have to guarantee 100,000 bonds towards this movement. I will try and send you a prospectus.

Mr. Morgan wrote McAvity today for more 5" shells to fill the gap up that he expects when we run out of present plan of nosing. I hope he will succeed.