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SUNDAY
January 12th.

Clear and just above zero. Attended church and listened to a splendid sermon. Received cable from Ibb that Wood was still on leave in London which we are glad to get.

Major Eaton late transportation service in France and his wife had afternoon tea with us. He saw you both sometime in November and it was most pleasing to get direct news from him. I showed him the map and we know just about where you are spending the winter. He left that same evening for the East.

MONDAY
January 15th.

5 below zero and cold. Deposited \$121.00 from Edmonton in the Montreal bank for Ibb.

Declined to quote on a direct connected engine for Whitby of the High Speed English Class and several other complicated conditions that we are not favorable to at present and I hope never will be.

Council passed three mill rate to be added to the Taxes for 1917 for the Patriotic Fund. In addition the Committee are going to make a canvass and I feel like increasing our subscription 50%, will write you again on that subject.

TUESDAY
January 16th.

Very clear and cold, about 10 below zero. 28 in the conservatory and the house cold, lost a great many of our beautiful rubber plants. The little furnace does not seem to work for some reason that I cannot locate. Mother and Alice are very much discouraged.

Attended Huron & Erie had a short meeting and the manager submitted a report for 1916 which is a general advance and improvement on all lines, especially gratifying that our Canadian Bonds are increasing to take the place of the English Bonds that has been our main stay heretofore. This has been brought about by an increased rate of interest which the Canadians of course are after with both feet.

Shipped 988 shells today.

WEDNESDAY
January 17th.

Quite cold. Went to the Huron & Erie at 9.15 and did not leave for home until 11.40. Examined several millions of securities with Dr. Eccles and George Brown who for the first time assisted me. It is very interesting work but very tiresome.

Shipped 976 shells.

As usual I was absent from a fire that took place in the works at 10.30 this morning having a very narrow escape, the result of filling oil tank with air pressure which over flowed ^{on the ceiling floor} towards some hot shells in the furnace room and blazed up nearly to the ceiling and 15 ft. diam.

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MIL & MIL.

It was put out by sand and cinders after some fool had poured a pail of water on it and made it a good deal worse, if it had continued one minute longer we would have had the whole roof in a blaze. The smoke filled the machine shop immediately and things looked bad for a few minutes. The fire brigade came promptly and had the hose laid but the boys put the fire out before it was necessary to turn on the water.

THURSDAY

January 18th.

Cannot get a carload of slabs for the Eclipse Boilers which was shipped from Detroit on the 10th the congestion is so bad at that point. We have four of these boilers painted and ready and it is really too bad we cannot keep up with our promise on the 20th and ship four. Wrote the War Office to that effect.

Wrote Mr. Plant and Mr. Evans for the way they had shipped the boilers they had in stock. *Satisfactory*

Paid \$295.00 for 1000 roubles for Alice who has scraped up a little money for that purposes.

Lost several orders for Upright Boiler lately and concluded to reduce our price at Montreal to 30 off, also will reduce our price on a 16 x 30 Corliss that has been there for several years. Since writing this the enquiry is off so Plant says.

FRIDAY

January 19th.

Nearly zero. Paid \$4495.00 to 216 men including \$1816.00 piece work. This makes our banner pay roll sheet.

Shipped 956 shells, which makes our shipment this week 2920. Two cars of these are at the old price \$4.50 and one car at \$4.00.

Nearly out of coal by the Lake Erie Coal Company are teaming some in to carry us over as two cars are on the way somewhere.

Bar iron now is quoted to us at \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Had to buy some 4" x 16 ft. tubes for the London Rolling Mill boiler just ordered and had to pay 49¢ per ft. or about \$550.00 for the 74 required. This is the largest price ever paid for this size tubes in the history of the works.

Mr. Everett Inspector had dinner with us at Oakwood.

SATURDAY

January 20th.

Milder. Wired George Stewart to try and sell one of the oilwell boilers at Calgary at a reduced price and hope he will be able to accomplish it.

Paid \$5.50 per 100 lbs. for 117 sheets of No. 14 iron from Toronto from Drummond, McCall & Company. We had not a sheet on hand and must for this for our War Office Order. We ordered a carload of sheets from Brier Hill Company of Youngstown, Ohio at \$4.75 which with the Duty and War tax will bring it up to nearly the price we paid Drummond, McCall, this is also the highest prices I remember for this kind of material.

Received \$16,151.00 for three cars of shells from the I.M.B.

Received orders for 4, 20 H.P. Upright Boilers from the London Concrete Company at 30 off the list.

Called on Robert Baldwin late of the 7th Canadian Mounted Rifles who was invalided home but did not see him as he was in the Hospital and from what his wife says is in very bad shape.

Cars Loaded Jan. 15th to 20th.

3 - Cars finished shells (2920)

Cars unleased Jan. 15th to 20th.

1 Car coal

1 " boilers

12 " rough shell forgings.

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