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SUNDAY
February 4th.

10 above, but quite cold. Attended church in the morning as usual. Wrote sons about various matters, principally private affairs. Sorry to see in the papers that Anglo French had dropped to 92½.

MONDAY
February 5th.

3 below zero. Counter shaft in boiler shop broke at 9 o'clock but Mr. Morgan rigged up a temporary bearing and got ~~shaft~~ started in half an hour, in the meantime he found a piece of 2½ shaft in the City and got right to work and had it finished at 4 o'clock and in place and running by 9 o'clock the same evening. This was very fortunate as it would have retarded our Eclipse shipment which we are giving the preference all along the line.

We had an order to-day for a 10 H.P. Upright for Military Hospital. We suppose this is to run in connection with sterilizer sent them a month ago.

Wallaceburg Town confirms the sale of three secondhand boilers which we mentioned before for \$1150.00. They are 72" x 16 ft. and two in perfect order, the third one however will require considerable work. We will leave them where they are until the spring, we will try and get \$1,000. each for the two and \$800.00 for the latter when repaired.

Sent diary reports to sons.

No.3 boiler is leaking very badly and Alex is very much afraid that we will have more trouble if the cold weather keeps up, but we ought to be through with it in a couple of weeks.

Met Messrs. Gartshore, Stevens & White at C.S. Hymans house in evening and settled many points in connection with Patriotic Fund from the workmen.

Hunt Company Inspecto arrived and went away same day after seeing two Eclipse boilers packed.

TUESDAY
February 6th.

Milder and somewhat bright. Discussed Patriotic Fund with Messrs. Holmes & Morgan, will have Committee organized, Morgan says two days pay in 15 weekly deductions O.K.

Shipped two Eclipse boilers to the War Office Service St. John.

Concrete Machy. Co. offered us 38 off our Upright list including injector and smoke stacks equal to about 40% off our discount. We were obliged to decline it as the boilers are certainly worth at least 10% more. He claims and showed us that he could get boilers for that sum from Kalamazoo Michigan. We never could deal with that firm unless we went below actual cost in shop and only part burden.

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Middlesex Mills Company who are putting up an Establishment on the inter switch London East have purchased 2 - 72" x 18 ft. R.T. Boilers for 150# working pressure from Goldie & McCulloch. We tendered on 125# working pressure. We have learned that they have the material on hand ($\frac{3}{16}$ shell) so it was a square knock out and we do not feel so bad about it.

We have an ordered to-day from Delmer Cheese Company for 36 x 10 R.T. Boiler at list plus 10%.

Attended Huron & Erie at 3 O'clock who voted \$5,000. from the Huron & Erie and \$2,500. from the Canada Trust for the Patriotic & Red Cross Funds. I will send you a list of what is being subscribed next week and you will be surprised to learn there from that John McClary is giving \$10,000. We concluded that we should give under the circumstances \$4,000.

Turned over sale list index to Miss Cochrane to attend to, as I really have not the time.

WEDNESDAY

February 7th.

Mild and soft. Plant has sold one 11 x 10 Clipper engine at 15 above list equal to \$564.00 or \$134.00 more than the usual price two years ago, we will not be able to fill it for from four to five weeks. This will give you an idea of the prices that can be got just now.

We will make for stock 3 - 36 x 10 R.T. Boilers, Ontario Inspected. Shipped car of 990 shells to-day. Unloaded one car boxes. Estimated on another sterilizer for Valcartier at \$405.00.

THURSDAY

February 8th.

Aunt Miriam died last night in Montreal. It has been decided that I should go down Friday evening to attend funeral Saturday.

Paid Theo. Robertson & Co. for last shipment of boiler plates \$3577.50. Everything running along quite smoothly to-day with no draw backs.

FRIDAY

February 9th.

Bright and quite cold, a little below zero.

Paid \$4388.00 to 215 men including \$1790.00 piece work.

Shipped one car of shells 990.

Received \$4024.00 from the I.M.B.

Arranged with Mr. Hyman that Messrs. Holmes & Morgan take charge of the collection of money from the workmen in connection with Patriotic Fund.

Cars loaded Feby. 5 to 10th.

1 Car boilers
2 Cars shells

Cars unloaded

1 Car coal
1 Car boilers
6 Cars rough shells.