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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment,
B.E.F., France.

My Dear Ibbotson,-

MONDAY May 7/17. Wheaton went to Windsor and vicinity for the week as there is considerable going on in that locality.

Conferred with Messrs. Morgan & Holmes about making Tractors and all think we should make a start as soon as mounting shop is cleared. Joe Buchanan and brother mentioned as good leaders, say six to start and get them out at work.

Received more letters and Woods diary, also a letter written by Wood Easter Sunday which was a great relief to Mother especially as it was of a very cheerful tone. Made a list of Profit & Loss accounts that we intend to strike off at the end of the year which I enclose.

TUESDAY May 8/17. Called on Sir George Gibbons on private matters and left a list of E.W.L's assets. Called on George Reid and thanked him for his very grateful sympathy. Eric is still in France but I did not ask the location.

Opened tenders for the new extension 54 x 96 and decided to give contract to Samuel Willis for \$6191.00 he being the lowest and McBride says entirely a satisfactory man. He will get it done in 30 days.

Attended Huron & Erie, made some good loans. Decided to postpone building on market square for the present as the outlay is considerably more than we expected.

WEDNESDAY May 9. Decided to postpone erection of wash room, etc, in the new extension which would amount to \$1,000. We will take this up next year when we re-arrange our machinery. Things pretty quiet in the office to-day.

THURSDAY May 10. Made a bid for 6, 48" x 9 ft. Uprights for Beatty Bros. Welland for overseas. We have fortunately all the material on hand and are hopeful to get the order.

Was examining securities at Huron & Erie from 9 A.M. to 10.30 at night and was very tired.

FRIDAY May 11th. Paid \$3720. to 184 men including \$1310. piece work.

Received \$6090.00 from Imperial Munition Board. Shipped 2980 shells for week ending tonight.

Received a very sympathetic letter from Col. Ferreau, Commandant of R.M.C. Answered it and will send Wood's photo later.

SATURDAY May 12th. Received \$4035. from I.M.B.

Bert Hunt of the Hydro called and submitted prices for 25, 75 & 100 H.P. Generators. This class of machinery has gone up more than double in the last two years but we all think in the face of a higher price for coal that it will be economy especially running 22 hrs. a day.

Examined building line next Grand Trunk and will try and keep our buildings inside of them and the City Streets.

Wrote Sir Adam Beck and Colonel Gartshore in answer to their very sympathetic letters.

SUNDAY MAY 13th. Went to church as usual with Aunt Tilly and had a splendid sermon from Norwood, the more I hear of them the better I think of his arguments.

Maitland had his gang working moving iron pulleys and other material in yard and shed on York Street to be covered by the new extension.

Spent the day practically answering sympathetic letters, they have proved to be a great comfort to us. Alice, Elaine and Mother answered nearly eighty. Stephen and I had a walk about the grounds and he made for the bird pond near the summer house and got himself covered with wet and mud with a stick but he did not get a scolding for it.

Cars loaded May 7th to 12th.
2 cars finished shells

Cars unloaded
1 car coal.