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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
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B.E.F., France.

My Dear Ibbotson,-

MONDAY, May 14th. Mr. Willis, Contractor started to take down 96 ft. of York St. shed. This will be an extra. Man commenced to paint machine shop, we hope now to paint the whole shop front.

To give you an idea of how products from the ground have advanced the market prices for same are as follows -

Old crop wheat on hand \$3.00 per bushel.

Bread 12¢ per 2 lb. loaf.

Pork \$17.50 per 100 lbs.

Cheese 26½¢ lb.

Hard coal \$8.50 per ton, soft coal \$7.50 per ton.

In face of a fairly good prospect October options in wheat in Winnipeg are down to \$2.07 per bushel. You will understand from this how the farmer is getting good returns for what little he has for sale.

Close a contract with A.O. Hunt for Hydro as described in a former letter.

TUESDAY May 15th. Second extension place cleared away to-day ready for excavating. We are piling this shed up on the West boulevard and will call from it this summer all we can possibly use and burn the balance. The patterns we will cull out and destroy as per list sent you as opportunity offers.

Wrote Sir George Foster Acting Premier in reply to telegram sent about Woodman's death.

Shipped 980 shells.

Have concluded to make up a couple of return tubular boiler from some old shells and tubes which we have in stock.

Called on Mr. Skey of the British Bank and thanked him for his kind letter of sympathy, we did not touch upon business.

Your business letter of recent date was received.

WEDNESDAY 16th. Shipped carload of miscellaneous orders to Calgary including the 60" Dakin Heater we made up for the Mueller Manfg. Co. Sarnia before you left which they refused to accept owing to a quibble in the correspondence. We are glad to get rid of this.

Received a letter from the Minister who performed service over Woodman and also a nice letter from Douglas Blandford of the 12th Field Battery.

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Decided to put up a new $2\frac{7}{8}$ counter shaft above the machine shop engine to belt down unto the generator we will put in as described in a former letter. Wrote a long letter describing the introduction of Hydro for power in the machine shop and boiler shop.

FRIDAY MAY 18th. Paid \$4187.00 to 197 men including \$1711 piece work. Shipped two car of shells 984 & 986. Answered a good many letters of sympathy directed to myself. Business very quiet in the office to-day.

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SATURDAY 19th. Mr. Northcott of Beatty & Sons, Welland called and will send us an order for 6 - 48 x 96" Upright Boilers \$860. each or \$5160. for the six F.O.B. London, for which we will have to make a special drawing.

We are also to give a price on 9 - 41 x 90 which we will give on Monday.

Had a phone order for a 6 H.P. Upright to go by express to Hewetson of Brampton who purchased one of the first Efficiency Boilers, they are very much pleased with it.

Concluded a second inspection of ~~25~~ mark V, 5" shells the loss of which totals up to be only $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1%. Will write you fully on this subject a little later.

Estelle and Leonard arrived at 11.15 both well and happy.

SUNDAY May 20th. Very heavy electric storm with rain and hail last night. Wrote you a long letter about Woods biography and also about photos. Received your cable this afternoon from Maidenhead, England.

Cars loaded May 14th to 19th.

3 - Cars finished shells
1 " Heater, etc for Caglary.

Cars unloaded

3 cars coal

F.H.B.