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MONDAY May 28th. Spent all day in Toronto with Mr. Morgan looking over the Marine engine situation as enumerated in a special letter. Called on A.R.Williams Machinery Company looking up a third thread milling machine for 4.5 shells. Mr. Morgan went to Petrie & Co's but I would not cross his door step on account of the way he treated us regarding secondhand engine. Mr. A.R.Williams, President of the A.R.Williams Machinery Co. Toronto died very suddenly about two weeks ago with a blood clot on the brain. I have known him in a business way for over fifty years. He was better than Petrie. It is reported he died very wealthy and left his business in excellent shape, next thing to a gold mine for the last three years owing to the demand for machinery of all kinds. He was certainly a great administrator.

Looking over sketches of memorial tablets in Ryrrie's with a view of placing one in memorial church for Woodman. Returned home at 9 P.M. Met Chas. Waterous, Jr. on the train. They are very busy with their pulp machinery and are also making castings for Inglis, did not speak very enthusiastically over their shell contract. Inglis told us that he had seven foundries working for him more or less to expedite this Marine engine business. If he plays his cards right he will make a small fortune out of the Marine engine demands which he is in the best shape of any works in Canada to take hold of. He was specially attentive to Mr.Morgan and myself and offered us any information that we wanted as he considers there is work enough for all and at excellent prices.

TUESDAY May 29th. Plant sent us an order for a secondhand 66 x 14 Ret.Tub,Boiler. Business is very dull there.

Attended Huron & Erie, decided to purchase a site for our market branch which will cost us about \$35,000. The business has worked up to that point in the City most satisfactory and we all think warrants the investment.

WEDNESDAY May 30th. Thos. Robertson & Co. now want 9¢ for some $\frac{1}{2}$ x ~~11~~⁶⁰ x 12 steel plates, this will give you an idea of how things are going.

Had a conference with Messrs. Morgan & Holmes and are afraid that the R.T.Boiler business will follow the engine business in a very near future. We are greatly disappointed and not selling secondhand boilers of which we have quite a few. Attended in evening meeting of the Huron & Erie looked over North West mortgages which appear not in bad shape at all but require constant following up. Shipped 982 shells to-day.

Wm. Inglis asked us price for machining 18 connecting rods for Marine engines, he would furnish the forgings. We will look into this matter very soon.

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Received a nice letter from Col. Carlton late O.C. of R.M.C. Kingston regarding Woods death and wrote him in reply sending some newspapers.

THURSDAY May 31st. Shipped 982 shells to-day. Received \$12,000. from the I.M.B. covering shipment of three car shells.

Your little nephew Leonard Carling is very bright and now practically walking about the room.

Balance on hand at the bank of B.N.A. \$ 9992.29. Shells shipped this month 10314.

FRIDAY JUNE 1st. Paid \$4371.00 to 198 men including \$1824.00 piece work.

Hydro Electric Commission have purchased the Ontario Power Companies plant at Niagara Falls for Twenty Three Millions including 90% of their stock and assume the payment of outstanding debentures. This will clear away litigation towards the Chipawa project inaugurated by Sir Adam Beck, Hydro will be cheaper than ever in the next five years.

Got a letter from Pte Shirley who was Woods Batman, he feels his loss very much. I am going to write him and send him some papers.

Major Abel called and will sell Dolly and cold for you. He will report to me conditions and I will be glad of his assistance to dispose of them both. The price is none too good just now but if any man will do what is right for you I think it will be Abel.

Shipped 954 shells.

Sat on the verandah in the evening for the first time.

SATURDAY June 2nd. Unloaded a car of 5" boxes and filled it with copper turnings. Hattland has been exceptionally busy all this week.

South wall of second extension finished at noone to-day and they quit notwithstanding beautiful weather. Machine shop generator arrived but no pulley on it, will have to make one.

Received \$4640. from I.M.B. Received contract for 44,000, 5" shells for signature from the I.M.B.

SUNDAY June 3rd. Attended church with Aunt Tilly and Estelle. Sat on the verandah an hour in the evening. Had tea with Mother, Estelle, Elaine and young Leonard at Mr. T.H. Carlings.