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June 18th/17.

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MONDAY June 11th/17. Received \$750.00 for one sterilizer and boiler from the Militia Department Ottawa for shipment to Quebec.

Closed contract with Morin Bros. for cement platform 62 ft. long and 18 ft. wide for \$513.00, this will make a good job. Foundations will be deep enough if we want to use them later on for building purposes, there has always been more or less danger in moving boilers from the rotting away of planks and sleepers so this will make it perfectly safe.

Received phone from Beatty & Sons to enter order for 6 - 41" x 90" special Upright boilers, these are for overseas machinery.

The Burroughs adding machine works well in office, we have it on a months trial, it will cost about \$375.00 if we keep it.

TUESDAY June 12th. Received cable "Well" from you this morning for which we are very grateful. Received \$4006.00 from Imperial Munitions Board.

Shipped car shells containing 992.

WEDNESDAY June 13th. Bought six paid up shares Huron & Erie at 211 equal to \$633. will hold these and invest them in Woodmans Insurance money for mothers benefit.

Tendered for three return tubular boilers 60" x 16 ft. boilers for Dorchester N.B. but do not expect to get them as Robb is so handy and is still making boilers. Our only chance is that he may not have the stock which we have.

Wrote letter to Mrs. Robertson Woods paymasters wife, also Lieut. Blandford and McTaggart.

THURSDAY June 14th. Globe speaks nicely of Woods loyalty of which I enclose an envelope with the clipping. I am sure you will be pleased with the sentiment expressed.

Shipped car of shells 988 to-day.

Received Woodmans walking stick and a German snipers helmet from Miss Ivey who is here on a visit from the front. I believe Wood had met her and they were very good friends. From what you said in one of your letters this is the stick he had in hand when wounded. We have already acknowledged receipt of his diary. Regarding his kit and other matters I suppose you arranged for them to be shipped forward from England as soon as necessary formalities are complied with. We have hung the stick on the battery wheel in the reception room.

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FRIDAY June 15th. Paid \$4582.00 to 205 men including \$1891. for piece work. Shipped 974 shells.

Conferred with Messrs. Morgan and Holmes regarding going to Philadelphia to consult with American Engineering Co. regarding taking up their line of hoists and windlasses and trying to get some of this class of work for the Munition Board in connection with the vessels they propose to build in the next year. Our idea is to get their Agency for Canada and build wherever we can see it to an advantage working along agreeably with them with their experience. If we go we will leave on Tuesday. We will also look out for a couple of secondhand lathes.

Chief Atkins of the Fire Department called this afternoon and we talked about his son which recently was killed. He has another boy just passed 18 who is training. I think you assisted this young men in some way.

SATURDAY June 16th. Got felting on the second extension and commenced laying the cement floor.

We got a quotation for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 ft. seamless boiler tubes @ 80¢ per foot, what do you think of that. These are for a tender we are making up for the G.T.Rly. They will cost about \$2000. per boiler, I am very much surprised as the G.T.Rly. have not got a dollar to throw away.

Received \$10,000 from the I.M.B. for two cars of shells.

Had an interview with two officials of the G.T.Rly. in regard to the above three boilers for the London chops and concluded we had better put in two tenders, one for the boilers as called for and another for our regular 72 x 16 ft. of which we have the material for two boilers with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tubes.

Wrote and sent a list of tools to T.A. Russell Toronto that we have to spare should they give us any of the Marine work to do. We also told them we could not see our way clear to undertake to build an engine out and out but would help them all we possibly could in other parts.

We wrote recently to Ryerson, Castle & Scully of Chicago for price of some plates we have on hand on their list, they reply that their stock was so depleted that they did not have the plates for sale. This looks a little queer and I surmise they are holding up for even a better price than 9¢ a lb. and tubes in proportion.

SUNDAY June 17th. Beautiful day. Attended morning service as usual and a good sermon. Spent the afternoon in writing you a long letter some of the items covered herewith, also wrote Sarah, Uncle Henry and Aunt May.