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Dear IBB -

SUNDAY July 1st. Rain, thunder and lightning all day.
50th Anniversary of Confederation which I remember very well, also the review of picket field, see 7th photograph in the hall. Went to church alone and heard a very Patriotic sermon. Very few in attendance. Norwood away at Philadelphia where he is going on the 10th September where he has accepted St. Pauls church at Overlook at \$4000.00 and rectory. He claims he is as well off in London at \$3000.00 but there are greater advantages in Philadelphia for himself and his childrens education and he thinks it best to accept.

Had a business talk with Schofield who thinks we are dead right in closing our books, making the discount we propose on tools, patterns, repairs, etc.

MONDAY July 2nd. Beautiful day. Review in Victoria Park of the about 1200 commemorating yesterday's anniversary. Sir George Gibbons and Canon Tucker were the speakers who were both very enthusiastically received.

Went to office and found good mail with signed order for Dorchester Boilers. About 119 men at work day and night.

Partition wall between 1st and second extension taken down.

Maitland and gang set Generator in the boiler shop yesterday, it looks very well.

Had a game of nine holes with Pearson on the new links on Western University grounds who was playing very poorly and so badly that I was three holes up on him. Saw many old friends who welcomed me back.

Schofield left at 8 o'clock C.P.R.

TUESDAY July 3rd. Made a very good deposit \$5877.31.

Scoyne and Wheaton taking stock, which will not occupy their time long as we have sold very little of what we had on hand a year ago.

Attended Huron & Erie and find we have \$550,000 credit balance on hand which is small enough in my estimation, but even with a half harvest I think we will be in a most substantial position for next years business.

Estelle, Innis & Leonard left for Ottawa with much regret after a lovely visit.

WEDNESDAY 4th. Big planer in moulding shop started on some work for repairs after being idle for over ten years and went off as if nothing had happened in the interval.

Shipped car of 1230 shells.

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Mutual life paid Mether \$4000. for E.W.L'S policy. Put it also in the Huron & Erie. Dictated a lot of letters to the Dominion Superintendents of Experimental Farms about Tractors. Mr. Morgan sent a lot of letters to Manufacturers in United States of Tractors so we are fairly launched to get some information.

Quoted Beatty & Sons, Welland 25% advance on our boiler prices on 48 x 96" Uprights they want ten boilers and we have everything ready for six. If the order is placed with them we will likely get the six to make. We are very fortunate in having a lot of plates we intended to use for Efficiency Boilers which are working into Uprights without any loss.

Steel plates now cost us \$13.35 per 100 lbs. F.O.B. London, and sheet steel \$10.00 per 100 lbs. 3" lap welded steel tubes 45¢ per ft. Lamb & Flag tin 62¢ lb.

THURSDAY 5th. Estimated on one Special 66 x 18 Ret.Tub. Boiler for Butterfield of Rock Island \$3750.00 or about 14¢ lb. Our price two years ago for the same boiler was only \$970.00 at 4¢ lb. The latter was too low but even taking that into consideration you will see clearly how prices are here in the boiler line.

Received \$8300.00 from Imperial Munition Board.

Nosed 12 - 4.5 shells and find the press requires 30 lbs. more pressure which is a surprise to us. Morgan says it is due to shape we are now compelled to make them of the cone end.

Shipped carload of scrap copper 10,000 lbs.

Had a motor ride with Elaine & Alice East on third concession and back on fourth, all crops in the country looking very well.

FRIDAY July 6th. Paid \$3790.00 to 182 men including \$1246.00 piece work.

Conscription bill passed House Commons with 65 majority. 26 grits voted in favor of it and a dozen Conservatives against it principally from the Province of Quebec.

Our present stock of tubes we are very much afraid will not last to the end of this year. We will have to be very careful and prudent in order to have enough to work up our boiler plates and heads.

Received \$4000. from the Imperial Munition Board.

Attended select vestry meeting and accepted Norwood's resignation. I said he should stay another year and had some followers but we will concluded he had best go. The Ladies of the Congregation are much disappointed and attended with a deputation but we told them Norwood had set his mind on going, they were very much disappointed and weell they might to lose such a splendid man.

SATURDAY 7th. Got your cable about crane in ~~Bedder~~ Sheet Iron Shop and have written about it in a letter.

The Board decided to write American Engineering Company we would not stand in their way of getting this order as conditions are too strict for us to comply with the specifications. Board also decided that the making of Tractors seemed the best offering for the future and we had better take the right steps of getting information.