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Dear Ibb,-

July 8th. SUNDAY. Alice and I attended service. I do not know how we can let the Rector go his sermons are so comforting. I have not begun to think of his successor, nor will the select vestry do anything for a time. Mother went to church in the evening. Stephen and I had a walk around the stable.

July 9th. MONDAY. Three months to-day since Dear Woodman was wounded and died. Mother still breaks down when she thinks of it.

Received \$4075.00 from the Imperial Munitions Board.

Started generator in boiler shop, it works well with the compressor and under other machinery.

Went for a motor ride with Mother, Alice, Elaine and Stephen, very enjoyable.

Paid \$3000. on account of second extension.

July 10th. TUESDAY. Read business portion of your letter to Messrs. Holmes and Morgan.

Received \$4030.00 from Imperial Munitions Board.

Attended Huron & Erie. Have a very fair balance on hand. Report from the three North West Provinces very good for a fair harvest. Our prospects in Ontario are for a very full harvest but it will be necessary to have some bright weather to secure it.

July 11th. WEDNESDAY. Received \$11,650.00 from Imperial Munitions Board for shipments up to the 15th June.

Looked over tractor catalogues and letters.

Accepted Lukens Steel Company conditions before they would enter our order for carload of plates, tensile strength to be 55 to 65,000 lbs. and sulphur .05% instead of .04% as called for by the Ontario Inspection laws. We will have to get over this somehow.

July 12th. THURSDAY. Shipped 976 shells yesterday. Looked over tractor catalogues.

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July 13th. FRIDAY. Paid \$3999.00 to 179 men including \$1358.00 piece work. Received \$1250.00 from London Sanatorium for two boilers they recently purchased from us for heating.

Closed contract for 2000 lbs. more or less of high speed steel with the Vanadium Company up to the 31st December @ \$2.50 per lb, they to take our scrap stuff at 30¢ lb. This will see us through the present contract and cover the last three months of this year. All classes of material are very stiff in price owing to the United States placing their war orders which are something truly enormous.

Told Mother and Alice to make enquiries re a motor for their use. Had a drive with Mother and Alice to Vaux Hall Bridge South and East and back by River Road. The country looks beautiful.

July 14th. SATURDAY. French Red Cross collection day, subscribed \$100.00 for it. Total subscriptions will be about \$5,000. from the City which is pretty good.

Contractors finished second extension except for some minor details.

Shipped 988 shells.

Shipped by express to-day a 12 x 10 Leonard Automatic Engine in a great hurry for a St. John, N.B. ship yard. This is most extraordinary.

We also shipped an 18 x 20 Tangye cylinder with piston in a great hurry by express for a break down in a paper mill in St. Raymond, Quebec.

Major Abell called and he advises he can sell Dolly and colt for \$150.00 but a swelling has developed on Dolly's knee which will have to be reduced before he can do so. I authorized him to bring her into town somewhere so that he could give her attention or get somebody to do it.

Had a game of golf with Skey to-day off No. 10 & 18 holes in the new University course. I found the greens in splendid shape and the view from the different outlooks very beautiful. Was very tired indeed.