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Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY July 22nd. Very hot, 92 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the shade. Attended church with Mother and a good sermon it is said but I did not hear much of it.

I wrote you sometime ago that Psi, the dog has been ailing and looked much crippled up, we had Dr. Tanton examine him the other day and he is under treatment with some pills which apparently have had the desired effect and he seems much better and brighter.

Wrote you a long letter as to mounting shop.

MONDAY June 23rd. Very hot again, 92. Had a large mail but no engine or boiler orders. Received a dozen replies re Tractors and their possibilities in farm work from Government Farm Superintendents who have been very kind in answering our enquiries. Rebb Engine Company of Amherst it is said are going to make this line of work after the war.

Received \$5000.00 from I.M.B.

Getting iron roofs painted and all repairs to eaves-troughs and conductors while the weather is warm.

Had a 12 hole game of golf with Mr. Lad of St. Louis, a gentleman who is staying at the kennels for a short time.

TUESDAY July 24th. Very hot again 92. Morgan finds the blanks of 4.5 shells very hard indeed, hope they will not continue so because the prices are being fixed which leads to friction and dissatisfaction.

Closed by phone with Ames of Toronto for \$30,000. Anglo French at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$  inclusive of all costs payable in London. They are quoted in New York to-day 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ , they should yield 7% when paid in full for the time we are holding them.

Attended Huron & Erie made some good loans, prospects of a little dearer money. Crop prospects in the N.W. not so good.

Pippy of St. Johns Nfld. wires he will take the Efficiency boiler we sent out to Regina 3 years ago so we have written them to forward it to St. Johns after fitting same up. With the price we get we will have a small margin and pay the freight both ways and glad to get rid of it.

Laying the balance of the cement between rails next platform which makes an ideal place for shipment. When we get the iron plates from the platform to the second extension it will be more complete still.

WEDNESDAY July 25th. Very hot 92½ in the shade. Had a long conference with Messrs. Holmes & Morgan about the mounting shop repairs and we concluded not to do anything for the present until after we decide about going on with Tractors which we think will not require any great crane capacity to handle them.

We might say we have not heard from the Marine engine branch of the I.M.B. for three or four weeks and do not want to until we get the shell inspectors and works all out of both mounting shop and S.I. shop

Received \$5081.00 from the Imperial Munition Board.

Had Mr. Lad up to lunch and had a short talk, he was much interested in Woodmans Trophies. We find him a very pleasant gentleman.

THURSDAY July 26th. Again 92. Wrote under Secretary of State for Canada for passport for dear Sarah, will send you a copy as soon as he replies.

Will send Wheaton to Hamilton to try and exchange an Efficiency boiler for a R.T. boiler, the former not giving satisfaction and writing us "What are you going to do about it".

Attended Committee on the Bishop who will meet us again on Wednesday, in the meantime we are to decide what salary we are willing to pay.

FRIDAY July 27th. Bright and cooler 85. Paid \$2458.00 to 162 men including \$253.00 piece work, we think this is the smallest pay for nearly two years.

Had a long wire from S. Stewart he has got two or three nibbles for secondhand engines, we cut the price of the ones he enquires about and are hopeful he will make a couple of sales before returning.

Moving into second extension going along very slowly. Received \$4027.00 from I.M.B. Wired you birthday congratulations and are in receipt of your cable this (Monday morning) saying you received it which we do not understand.

SATURDAY July 28th. About 90 to-day. Sent \$10.00 to Gooderham for the Stoney Jackson Fund.

Hydro moving wires to connect new oven in the second extension.

No cars of shells this week and I am doubtful if they will get a carload for 10 or 12 days.

Paid \$28700. for \$30,000 Angle French.

Plant sent us an order for 2 secondhand boilers, 72" R.T. for the Hospital Commission Ottawa. We are going to have him look after this business as a number of Hospitals will be rushed up now in a hurry to accommodate the poor fellows who have to have treatment on this side.

Another week or continuous running of the three generators driven by Hydro Electric Current, must say it is very satisfactory. We only had two held ups during that time of a very few minutes each.

Received an order for an 80 x 16 Dakin Heater for \$2400. from the Steel Co. of Hamilton f.o.b. London, this is a record price for this class of goods. We hardly expected the order. Will have to get up a set of drawings for same.

Received an order from Waterous engine Works Company for 2 - 7/16 x 108" x 229" flange plates at \$13.85 per 100 lbs. less 10%, this is the highest price we ever received Waterous has an order for several boilers for B.C. but had no plates, he has tubes and we had plates so it is quite agreeable all round.

Received \$4043.00 from Imperial Munitions Board.