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letter Re Passport*

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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY July 29th. 97 in the shade. Went to church as usual but did not hear much. Rector went to Nova Scotia for his holidays after service.

After lunch opened dear Woodmans kit of his immediate belongings at the front. All in good order but very few and well used. Mother and Alice very brave, will have very little clothing to give away.

Went out for a short run with the Sedan in the evening, Oxford Street and back through London South. Wrote you regarding your will and mine, and regret you do not understand the engine situation nor the finances necessary to carry it through.

MONDAY July 30th. Very hot, 96 in the shade. Your 35 birthday, we were all with you in spirit during the entire day and were glad to receive your cable "well, cable received". This cable was in answer to mine that we would post pone work on mounting shop until further advised.

Received \$2728. from I.M.B. Moving Inspectors into new office in the second extension, which is a very nice one enclosed in wiring netting and fitted up with good benches and appliances.

Attended Huron & Erie, the situation is that money is scarcer in Canada for business of that kind.

TUESDAY July 31st. Very hot again. Ther. reached 98. Thanked the Dominion Express for sending Woodmans kit free.

Mother and Alice at Red Cross, they received a warm welcome from all the ladies having not attended since last April.

Received your diaries No. 11 & 12.

Attended Memorial church congregational meeting when it was decided to offer \$2500 stipend for the new Rector for the 1st year and an increase afterwards according to his success.

5" shells shipped this month 7292. Balance in Bank of B.N.A. \$25,975.

WEDNESDAY August 1st. 95 in the shade. Read your letter of the 4th July to Messrs. Holmes & Morgan about mounting shop and S.I. shop and decided to have McBride get out a plan for 11 ft. wall only. We are all inclined to put off doing anything to the roof this fall.

Arranged for \$5000. in Huron & Erie stock for Mother.

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Drying out electric oven and second extension preparatory to putting in shells. Maitland started remodelling cement approach on Queens Avenue. Was 2 hours with the Bishop re a new Rector for Memorial but adjourned to make further enquiries.

THURSDAY August 2nd. 81 in the shade. Ordered from Ames & Company \$10,000 City of London debentures which will yield 6% for your account.

The 6 Uprights for Beatty of Welland are going along very well.

Allan McEwen called in the evening and gave us incidences in E.W.L.'s career confirming all we had heard. He was often consulted about Military Affairs by his superior officers. Allan will return as soon as well enough, he certainly does not look well.

Received cheque for \$750. on account of \$1500. from the Alberta Electric Co. This makes our lien safe in this respect. The balance of the purchase money is distributed over 12 or 15 months, we have not the particulars yet.

First batch of 4.5 shells put into the electric oven .

FRIDAY August 3rd. Cooler 75 in the shade.

Paid \$3207. to 175 men including \$891. piece work.

Lieut. Blandford called late of the 6th Battery and told us about dear Woodman, will call again. He left on account of trench fever about 10 days before Vimy.

Jack Johnson who runs the shaper has received word one of his sons was killed at the front, will get further particulars.

Wrote Sir George Perley to get the necessary pass for Sarah to return with you if possible this fall.

Had trouble with quarter twist belt pulley to-day and had to start up the engine and run the North and South shafts in the mounting and blacksmith shops. The engine did not make any kick about doing this little trick for us but walked off as it has done for years without any complaint, we made the change in about 1½ hrs.

SATURDAY August 4th. Quite warm, 80 in the shade. To-day commences the fourth year of this dreadful war, how much longer will it be before the blood of poor humans will cease to flow.

Read Lloyd George's speech which is most encouraging, he certainly is the man for the Empire at this hour of peril.

Made up cost of 48" x 8 Uprights and will enclose same in next letter.

Wheaton is re-inspecting about 1500, 5" shells which we are either going to try and get passed or remodelled into 4.5.

Went out for a ride to Delaware and back by River Road. Electric starter spring jumped and we had to get help from City, it was fixed in about 3 min. after we had waited three quarters of an hour. The little machine works a little stiff yet but we are all pleased with it.