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August 21/17.

Lieut.Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment,
B.E.F., France.

Dear Mr. Leonard,-

August 13th. Monday. Deposited to-day \$10205.20. This includes our last cheque from the Imperial Munitions Board in connection with our 60 Prs. which was made on July 21st so that we will receive no more funds from them for sometime as we have not made a shipment of 4.5 since July 21st but expect to make the shipment August 21st. Losing an entire month in making the change over.

August 14th. Tuesday. Made delivery of 48" x 14 ft. R.T.Boiler to C.P.Hughes Montreal price \$1450.00 including bricking in.

August 15th. Wednesday. Banked \$770.00 to-day. C.P.Hughes paid \$725.00 on account of boiler to C.H.Plant, Plant retaining the money for expenses and paying the Contractor. Mr. Leonard left for Montreal to-day.

August 16th. Thursday. Several small accounts paid in to-day amounting to \$260.00.

August 17th. Friday. Deposited to-day \$270.00. Paid wages \$4057.85. This morning we received a phone from the Government at Toronto requesting us to reduce our output to 2000 shells per week, this meant we had to lay off our right shift keeping the best of the men from both night and day shifts and letting out the poorest men in both shifts which represented 43 men. These we immediately paid off and are now running 10 hours day with all machines in operation and should be able to turn out 2000 per week and more. We immediately wired Mr. Leonard at Montreal to call on Mr. Southam of the Southam Press with an endeavor to get the output limit increased. Mr. Southam promised him he would try and get the limit increased and that he thought it would be only for a short time. However this may not be increased and all the shell factories throughout Canada have been reduced in the same proportion. We have not been advised what the reasons are for this action.

August 18th. Saturday. We received several settlements amounting to \$260.00 to-day. Your City of London bonds arrived from Toronto through the Royal Bank and gave them a cheque for \$9809.60, this amount will be charged to your private account and will still leave a balance.

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