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Lieut!Colonel Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Light Horse,
B.E.F. France.

My Dear Ibb,-

November 11th SUNDAY. Attended church with Mother. Had a good sermon. I do not see why Hawkin does not get a parish, what he preaches is so convincing and so common sense.

In the afternoon made notes about Victory Loan and Conscription and feel I must take a very decided stand as to the latter.

Alice left at 8.30 P.M. for New York with Sir Adam Beck, Lady Beck and Marian.

November 12th MONDAY. Had a splendid Victory Loan meeting in the new extension in which myself, Mr.Morgan and Mr.Holmes spoke. The employees seemed very much interested and it looks as if we would have a splendid response towards this laudable enterprise. Received a long cable from you and letter of 24th October. Mother also received letter.

Signed papers for 42,000, 4.5 shells at \$3.75 each and sent same to the Imperial Munitions Board.

Received a letter from Graves Dept. London containing a photograph of Dear Woodmans grave at the Pougny, France. Your brass tablet on same is seen, the cross is very satisfactory, am I right in thinking that it was done by the members of his old Battery.

The Liberals had a meeting and approve of George S.Gibbons putting a labor string to his candidature. He approves of Sir Wilfreds Referendum after one hundred thousand men have been selected and sent forward. I do not like this split up of the question and will have to tell him so.

November 13th TUESDAY. Wrote a strong letter to you about Tractors, Marine Boilers and additional outlay.

Made another price for 2 - 66" x 18 ft. boiler for St.John Hospital and hope Evans will land the order.

Messrs. Morgan, Holmes and myself with Wheaton about his taking hold and demonstrating with the Tractor. We gave him to the 1st of January to make or break in the business, off his own bat. He accepted it unless he loses his nerve which is the first I heard that he had this complaint.

Cement wall next G.T. on the level with the track half way across about 90 ft.

November 14th WEDNESDAY. Morgan says 80% of the old night shift are back again and everything going nicely.

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EIL.

Received \$5490. from I.M.B.

Very much annoyed at the gravel not coming in for building purposes as the weather has been very fine and we must get this wall up without any delay.

Blank forgings being mixed in cars gives us a great deal of trouble.

Wheaton got started yesterday and is in good spirits. Quite a few interested.

Wrote Geo. Walkem a long letter giving details of Woodmans operations.

November 15th THURSDAY. G.T.R. presented us with a bill for Taxes for three years amounting to \$67. on the strip of land that we have storage South of the boiler shop. I was very very much annoyed at this because \$10. per year was to cover all charges. I wrote a very stiff letter to Mr. Hayes on the subject. If they are going to run this kind of a game on us we will charge them for every car they put in on our siding that is not for our use, they also are a couple of ft. on our land at the South West corner of the round where the cars are shipping into their freight house.

No gravel this morning and only three loads in the afternoon. Phoned McBride pretty rough shed what I thought of the way Hayman was doing the business.

Mr. Holmes working on Victory Loan list with the men with very good success.

American Express Co. do not pay duty we advanced on some steel that we have not received and wrote express company a sharp letter notifying them we would do as little business as possible with them until paid.

Feeling pretty badly about the political situation. It is hard to break from my old friends but I will have to do it.

Wheaton moved Tractor to farm back of John Gerry's.

November 16th FRIDAY. Paid \$4005. to 179 men including \$1938. piece work.

This is my 69th Birthday and had a game of golf in the afternoon with friend Skey. The greens and ground are very rough but fortunately the air was fine and I enjoyed myself very much. Had dinner with your Mother at Aunt Lizzie's who wished me many happy returns, also had a phone from Edna.

A telegraph from N.Y. says that Sir Adam was thrown from his horse in N.Y. but not hurt, was up on his feet before the horse was. Good for him.

November 17th SATURDAY. Harper says succession dues of \$3000. will likely be remitted on Woodmans Estate as it appears the last session of Ont. Legislation gave Parliament the power to do same on all soldiers Estates.

Wall half done up to window sills. Carpenters and cement work men working well.

Received your cable that you would lose command of your Regiment if you went on Canadian leave. We are very much disappointed but would have you carry on notwithstanding and run your chances a little later.