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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
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B.E.F., France.

My Dear Ibb,-

November 25th SUNDAY. Clear and cold with a light snow. Attended church as usual with a good sermon from Hawkins, his last. We were all very much pleased with his administration of the church affairs for the last two months. He is going to take temporary charge of St. James in London South, Arch-Deacon Davis having resigned at last over forty years service leaving the church in a very unsettled state, financially and otherwise.

Wrote you a long letter and answered six questions re Tractors, Marine Boilers, also on political situation and sent them to Aubrey who will re-mail them to you.

Received cable "well" from you which was very pleasant.

November 26th MONDAY. Dennis Wire & Iron Works can weld old boiler tubes on the ends by oxy acetylene much cheaper than Winnett can do so in a furnace and quite as good a job. We will look into this matter a little further as it means economy all round owing to the very high price we have to pay for boiler tubes and their scarcity.

Wheaton back with Tractor and plow as the ground is frozen. Will now get all the working dimensions.

Attended Sir George Gibbons dinner to the workers of the Victory Loan at the Tecumseh, they want for the City \$6,700,000. Sir George has been supported right royally by a fine lot of canvassers.

November 27th TUESDAY. Mr. Holmes and office hands are working on Victory Loans. Will send you a list later on. 75% of our employees have subscribed which is quite satisfactory. It would be more I am sure, but a large percentage of our men are only here for a short time on piece work. Signed cheque for \$5,000. for E.L. & S. Ltd. loan payment of 10%.

Received \$9389. from I.M.B.

Shaft in machine shop broke again causing us nearly a days delay before we got the new piece ready and in place.

Attended Huron & Erie, nearly all 7% loans.

Your Mother very tired working all day at Red Cross and Women's Auxiliary.

November 28th WEDNESDAY. Examined 5 - 72" x 18 ft. old boilers in the Street Railway power house all have patches on the front courses from very heavy firing. Will offer \$250. each with safety valves and combinations, the fronts and other castings have been disposed of.

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The engines, heaters, pumps, generators, steam pipes and fittings have been sold to J.Harris for \$6500. I examined these and it is a pity to see them all broken up for scrap, but I do not see there is any way out of it. The engine business is in such low water and no demand for it.

Alice arrived home from New York, very much pleased with her holiday.

Received letter from Sarah with sample of the suit she has collected. Will write her soon.

November 29th THURSDAY. Victory Loan subscriptions of employees including the members of the family also Mr. Morgan and Mr. Holmes and the firms fifty thousand amounts to \$94,500. The total subscriptions to date has reached the objective and more at noon equal to five millions two hundred thousand, there is great rejoicing.

The Rev. Mr. Warrner arrived at 5.30 met by a dozen of the select vestry and others. Came to Oakwood for the week end, we are all favorably impressed with him.

formerly The new end of the mounting shop I have carefully measured and find it 48" higher than ~~foundry~~ next the G.T.R. and that is just 48" higher than the top of the roof of the cars, this will leave 13 ft. 4" clear below the beams with a roof $\frac{1}{2}$ " pitch up to the side of the main machine shop.

November 30th FRIDAY. Paid \$4212. to 189 men including \$2138. piece work. Got the last money of Woods Insurance and handed it over to Mother who will invest it nearly all in Victory Loans. *\$6000*

Ordered a new list made of Dairy boilers, 34" diam. with 28 - 3" tubes, 8, 9 & 10 ft. long rating 18, 20 & 22 H.P. respectively, by this means we have the material for about ten boilers also the tubes except the 8 ft. but as there is little demand for 18 H.P. we are running the risk. We will get up a special list for this purpose and send you a copy.

Your Mother and Alice had a very hard days work to-day at Red Cross, 3600 pairs socks inspected, measured and bundled up for shipment, they are both played out.

Balance in the bank of B.N.A. to our credit \$49,282.

Shipped 13786 - 4.5 shells this month which is a topper, last month we only shipped 7388. Part of November should have gone into October but some little thing detained it, hence the great difference.

December 1st SATURDAY. Mounting shop East end wall finished and 24 ft. (2 bays) with posts, beams and sheeting in place. This covers a lot of work from snow and rain so I feel very comfortable tonight.

Shipped boiler and fixtures to St. Anne De Bellevue Hospital near Montreal.

Received \$11303. from I.M.B.

Had a brisk walk with Alice to Trafalgar St. and back.

Had a long wire from British Columbia about water tube Marine Boilers, and asked for Blue Prints and if they would supply the material.

Cable from you announcing receipt of our two last cables was received.