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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Dec. 2nd. Clear and cold. We all attended morning service and had a good sermon from Mr. Warner his first with 170 communicants and saw a great many old faces among the congregation. We hear Mr. Warner made a favorable impression.

In the afternoon Sir Adam and Lady Beck took me out to the Soldiers Hospital near the Sanatorium and I inspected every building and appliance which will not be complete until the 1st February. About 60 poor fellows there already and about 40 in addition housed at the Byron Sanatorium. Selected a place in the dining room for Woods Memorial and agreed to furnish all the material for this room amounting to about \$1000.00 which Mother has written to you about. The cooking apparatus, sanitary and medical appliances are of the very best that can be bought and up to date in every respect.

Wrote you a short letter in the evening about Victory Loan, shells and building.

MONDAY Dec. 3rd. George S. Gibbons Liberals issued a circular about M.L.A. S.Ltd. contracts through the Trade and Labor paper of which I will send you a copy and also the remarks of the Free Press on the subject. The latter is a very fine tribute to Woodman but when it is brought about in a political struggle like we are having here it is rather painful to us, however, we are going to say nothing about it but we feel the situation very much.

Low voltage on our three motors in the shop is troubling us very much. Mr. Morgan is afraid they will burn out with the heavy load. We have interviewed the Hydro Electric people but cannot get any promise, I believe they are doing all that they can for us.

We are now shipping out three cars of turnings in two weeks, they average 67666# each railway weights.

The Victory Loan for London will be \$6,500,000 including the Huron & Erie's \$2,000,000. Ontario will contribute over two hundred million and the whole of Canada about four hundred & ten millions, this is very satisfactory and if used in a judicious manner will give the Government lots of money for legitimate purposes. Had a conversation with Hume Cronyn regarding Free Press re Geo. S. Gibbons and my sons, he says he cannot control what the papers say so I have concluded not to make a fuss and give it more prominence.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 5th. Have had several telegrams from Sears, Matheson & Associates of Vancouver who are (mushroom) ship builders and want some engines and boilers. We have asked for Blue Prints, weights and other information and will take the matter up if the boilers are not too large, we will give them a price provided they can furnish us the material.

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They however want deliveries and a price before they submit Blue Prints. They evidently do not understand the situation as to steel material and we have told them they are in a better position to get this than ourselves. We are hopeful of some business.

Received order to-day for 60" x 16 ft. R.T. Boiler from St. Josephs Hospital, Sudbury of which we made the duplicate two years ago.

Our Victory Loan in the works proper figures out with 111 men subscribing to \$21,150 or \$190. per man. The office was \$15,500 total \$36,650. We have 184 men on the roll, about 20 of these strangers who will not likely stay with us any length of time, under these circumstances we consider we have a subscription equal to 80% of our employees which is a magnificent showing in our opinion.

Mr. Wheaton at Lobe to-day and brought in a prospect for a Tractor.

THURSDAY Dec. 6th. Three walking sticks arrived from Mrs. M. Lancefield all in good order of which I have written you in my private letter.

We had a call from Mr. Ivey recently and have made an estimate of machinery necessary to produce an output of 1000 shells per week in addition to what we are now furnishing. We figure on about 10 machines proper, roughers, profiling, boring, etc, etc, including a motor and a good heavy line of shafting, pulleys and hangers, total would be \$13,000. commencing work on the 1st February. Should we get this order we will have to use the East end of the mounting shop from which we took our machines last summer and put them into the second extension. This shop would be well lighted along the track and come in very nicely. We have based this estimate on getting a contract that would cover to the 1st of June next, or we would not undertake an additional 1000. We are to hear this week.

FRIDAY Dec. 7th. Paid \$4399. to 193 men including \$2183. on piece work. Your surplus kit arrived and in Customs. Paid \$9.70 overseas charges and \$1.86 charges this side under protest which I have sent you in another letter.

Inglis wants 12¢ per lb. for one plate 3/8 x 96" x 229" which we have concluded to order to fill the St. Josephs Hospital order for 60" x 16 ft.

Shipped only one car of 2000 shells this week but for trivial things should have had 1000 more easily. Our finished shells are accumulating I am sorry to say but hope to over take the situation next week.

Had dinner with Mother at Eliza ^{dear} House. Many inquiries about you from Mr. G.B. Harris and daughter. This is the first time we have been out since dear Woodmans death. They made it very pleasant for us.

SATURDAY Dec. 8th. Quite cold and snowing all day.

Mr. Ivey of the I.M.B. telephoned us and says he will not know about an order for the additional 1000 shells per week until sometime in January so that matter is off for the present. In the meantime we will push along and get our mounting shop in order either for shells or for tractor purposes. More men are on the mounting shop to-day and finished six more spaces or eight in all, about little more than half the total roof.

Arthur Leonard, Myra and Elizabeth arrived G.T. and spent the evening talking over old times.