

F&L Diary letters  
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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Dec. 16th. Attended church but did not think much of the sermon our new Rector gave us.

Selected election papers and send a bundle to you. Wrote you about coal and hydro, mounting shop and other matters including Psi and Standard Art Co. about Woodman.

MONDAY Dec. 17th. Clear and cold. Dominion Election Day. Cronyn's majority over Gibbons with Women and Trades & Labor Council only 1690. Quebec goes non-conscription and the Unionists will only have three seats. The West turned a complete summer-sault and although Sir Wilfred was most enthusiastically received they left him out in the cold with only one or two seats. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will break about even.

Received to-day cheque from I.M.B. for \$22,495.

1st Monitor over the mounting shop encased and roofed and it looks fine. Mother, Alice and Lily and I voted at Baldwins for Hume Cronyn. Was very tired, did not go down to see the fun but the whole election was carried on earnestly and without bitter feeling.

TUESDAY Dec. 18th. A couple of engine orders by wire and mail including a 9 x 10 S.H. Leonard Ball which we sold John Campbell & Sons about 20 years ago. Attended the Huron & Erie, made some good 7% loans which seem to be the prevailing rate just now.

Congratulated H. Cronyn. It appears that the soldiers vote will not be known in any of the constituencies for 30 days which will no doubt bring his majority up to 2000.

Unloading blank shells which are now arriving very fast. We are waiting a wire from Quebec about proofs, have a carload of finished shells already loaded.

Anglo French Bonds to-day reached 93½, the lowest in History.

The Board met and decided to sign a contract for 36,000, 4.5 How'r shells for February and March at \$3.50 each. Also decided to accept proposition from the Huber Tractor Co. for 8 Tractors to be delivered in the Spring at \$1035.00 each with B/L attached to draft. We are to be agents for the entire Province of Ontario. Discussed printed matter in connection with Tractors and decided to get it done in Canada.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 19th. Still waiting for wire of shell proofs to ship the car very annoying.

Discussed work with Mr. Morgan during his absence next week.

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Expressed Campbell's engine to Valleyfield, Que. Express charges \$54.00 which are amply covered by the extra cost.

We find the Ford Sedan working excellent. Alice took two soldiers out for a drive and Mother on special Red Cross work. Mother at entertainment of Soldiers (wounded) at Victoria Hospital.

Received your recent letter and glad to hear you expect to go to Nice for 30 days.

THURSDAY Dec. 20th. Motors being covered with felt and corners with galvanized iron.

Imperial Munitions Board again want price on Gravity Filters for the wooden steamships. Wired Thos. Robertson & Co. for new price of plates obtainable.

FRIDAY Dec. 21st. Paid \$4346.00 to 198 men including \$2075. piece work. Mr. Morgan, Self and McBride planned a new Blacksmith Shop South of boiler house taking in the cement wall we put up some years ago which is 46'8" on railway track by about 18 ft. deep. He will make an estimate with one monitor from wall to wall. This building would allow for four fires very nicely also the steam hammers.

Made a second estimate on gravity filters tanks for the I.M.B. and concluded they were worth \$738.00 each, half of this price practically goes towards the material that is necessary at the very high prices prevailing for everything.

Shortest day this winter and I am very glad.

SATURDAY Dec. 22nd. Signed contract to the Huber Co. and wrote enclosing same.

The last beam over the press and roof sheeted in to-day

Received \$7386. from I.M.B.

The Carling's & Schofield's arrived 5 hours late, was at station three times as trains are all mixed up and running very late.

Morgan left at 6.50, will be away till Thursday next with his family.

Wrote C.H. Plant to go to Ottawa on Wednesday and see what he can do to get these filters to make. We can handle them very nicely either in the boiler shop or the mounting shop or in both and get them out very fast. Thos. Robertson & Co. has the material that is necessary at \$13.10 per 100 lbs. F.O.B. Montreal. We can get a license to use same because they are going into war ships.