

December 17/17.

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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Dec. 9th/17. Zero weather. All went to church and had short service. Shewed Arthur and Myra Woodmans maps and diary, etc. Had teat at 270 Huron Street. Wrote you a short letter on Election, Shells, etc, also Clipper Engines.

MONDAY Dec. 10th. 1 above zero. Arthur and I went to the works and spent the morning, after lunch saw him off on a late train to Detroit.

Sales for November will be about \$75,000 including all which is a banner for that month.

TUESDAY Dec. 11th. Still very cold. Men working well on mounting shop. S. Little and Mr. Foote of McClary's called and we have subscribed \$500. to the Halifax sufferers, later advice is that the fund will reach nearly \$30,000. in the City which is most excellent.

Had Woodman's grave picture tacked to the notice board as I thought a great many would like to see his last resting place.

Myra & Elizabeth left at 11.50, was too late to see them.

Have concluded to make the few small ~~castings~~ *patterns* for C.I. and steel parts of the Huber Tractors as Stephens is not very busy.

Attended Huron & Erie plenty of money on hand and made some good 7% loans. Called on Dr. Eccles and find him very bright and improving, he will soon be out I expect.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 12th. Still very cold. Trains delayed by snow, only passenger trains running. We are completely out of shell blanks with two cars on the way.

Third break occurred this morning on machine shop shafting in the length carrying the drive pulley. It took us two full days to get a new larger (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) shaft in place. We now hope we have heard the last of breaking at this point.

THURSDAY Dec. 13th. Sleighing is now good, but more snow in Toronto and Buffalo and the Lake Shore than here strange to say.

One car of blanks arrived which will relieve the pressure. Anglo French Bonds are down to 85 $\frac{1}{2}$  and other stock in proportion. These bonds have three years yet to run and a good chance for getting up again.

FRIDAY Dec. 14th. Paid \$4447.00 to 201 men including \$2174.00 piece work. Got beam and post up above shafting in nosing room. Wrote you about packages from Cox's



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which SATURDAY Dec.15/17. Bright and cold. Got hanger in place on nosing room shaft/will allow the carpenters to get in the other posts. They made a start to-day putting up the 1st monitors, they are going to be a great help to lighting the mounting shop, 4 ft. high, 11 ft. wide, 22 ft. long.

There cars of blank shells in on the siding.

Wrote Mr. Brown of the Imperial Munitions Board about short output due to not getting component parts here in time.

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Book Coy letter of 16 Nov see  
~~the~~ original at oakwood. It b  
to say what to do.