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April 22/18

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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY April 14th. Bright and warm, doors and windows open for the first time. Met Innis Carling at noon and we had a long talk about his visit to the front. Mr. & Mrs. Carling, Mrs. King and Stanley called in the evening. Wrote you about Marine Engines, Tractors and G.H. Evans.
Put clocks on one hour this afternoon.

MONDAY April 15th. Wrote Mitchell of Montreal regarding Woodmans Tablet of which they have sent us a photograph, it looks very well indeed and I think you will be pleased with it.

Woodman's swords (3), medal, cigar case and match boxes presented by the 13th Battery and revolver all came safely through Innis, including your diary.

Attended Huron & Erie, few loans. Balance on hand increasing with which I am much pleased. Had a talk with Mr. Mitchell about Bank of Montreal and our business connection with them.

Looked over plans for an extension in the rear of the office upstairs.

Met Col. Hobbs who made inquiries for you. Innis Estelle & Leonard left for Ottawa at 7 P.M. Received cable from you "Well" at 7 P.M., which is very gratifying.

TUESDAY April 16th. Approved of letter and tender of Marine Engines to the American Government, sent to Mr. Douglas of the I.M.B. who is looking after this for the U.S. Government.

Received \$1220. for the fourth Tractor to-day.

Also received \$500. the last payment from the Bassano Electric Light Co. for which we have waited over three years to get the last of it. They must have done well because they have paid up before they actually needed to do so.

Attended with Alice a meeting of the Red Cross & Patriotic Fund and decided to raise \$355,000. to cover all subscriptions for Patriotic purposes this year. Sir George inquired specially for you and seemed very friendly indeed.

F.H. Smallman died this afternoon aged 78 years.

WEDNESDAY April 17th. Foggy and splendid rain which will help our farming friends wonderfully.

G.H. Evans here and went over notes and other business in St. John. Rain prevented me from going out to have my first game at the kennels with Skey but I felt very tired and stayed in the balance of the day. Rather a week in bed to-day and ver little better.

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THURSDAY April 18/18. Morgan reports visit to Toronto and found little prospect of more 4.5" contracts and I wrote a private letter to Mr. Southam on this subject. Discussed and decided not to accept an order from A.R. Williams Company for 60 heavy duty shell lathes weighing 8000# each, price offered only \$1200. each or 15# lb. One a day wanted. Could not break in on shells to do this work. Mr. Morgan called on Mr. Douglas who says the tender went in, in due course to Washington and nothing can be done until word comes from Ottawa.

He looked at one 42" and one 36" lathe, secondhand all in very good order but the price for the two is \$7000. could possibly get them for \$6500. or perhaps less but will not order unless we have a little more encouragement.

Mr. Ridick who had charge of the horses just before the war landed home to-day. I met him on the street, he is a warrant officer and looks very well, I will have some further talk with him, he has heard of you both but has been unable to look you up.

Met Mr. Cartshore and approved of printed matter for the Red Cross & Patriotic funds.

Saw Peerless engine in the King Street shop and High Speed Engine in the York Street shop running now very satisfactory in the place of Hydro which has been shut off to them.

FRIDAY April 19th. Paid \$3802. to 161 men including \$1791. piece work. Engine No. 100 a Leonard 5 1/2 x 6 came in for repairs but on looking it over concluded it was only worth scrap broken in vital parts and not worth repairing. This engine left the shop 39 years ago.

Douglas Manuel 18 1/2 years old going into Royal Flying Corps, I signed his papers for his father, this is Aubrey Schofield's nephew.

Received \$7115. for shipment April 5th to I.M.B.

Inspector Drummond called and passed three new boilers and made special inquiry as to your health, he is a very nice fellow.

SATURDAY April 20th. Clear and cold. Very poor mail to-day. Discussed Tractor situation with Helmes & Morgan and from what we can learn the Government is divided on restoring duty in November next.

Read your letter of the 27th of March, and to send a copy of Huber's re their output with some comments.

Will solicit not less than one days pay for Red Cross from the employees and adopt the same plan as last year.

Received a letter from Mr. Southam of the I.M.B. regarding renewal of our 4.5" contract which closed on the 30th June next. Mr. Southam confirms our situation, our application for 4.5" in American shells will be considered in 10 days. Replied by applying for an order for 6" from the I.M.B.

Shipped two dairy boilers and also two 30 H.P. to the Imperial Oil Co. to-day. Had a short run with Alice to the kennels and back but too disagreeable to have a game.