

Feb. 25/18.

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Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Feb. 17th/18. 2 below zero. Cold and snowing. Attended church with Estelle and Alice, good attendance. Wrote you a long letter enclosing annual statement, War Tax and other matters. Received cable from Innis safely in England.

MONDAY Feb. 18th. Received \$13,200 from I.M.B. for shells shipped 1st and 5th Feb.

Wired price on a 16 x 36 Corliss, the 1st inquiry for six months. Wired price for a 66" x 14' for a Regina inquiry but do not expect any result as the Vulcan Co. Winnipeg quote below a reasonable price.

Had word from I.M.B. that our tender for Marine engines and boilers will have attention and will notify us later.

TUESDAY Feb. 19th. Milder and heavy rain. Went with Estelle to Toronto and attended a short meeting of the Engine & Boiler section. Will see the Minister tomorrow. Called on Edna in the evening whom we found very well, her little boy John is a very fine specimen of babyhood.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 20th. Bright but near zero with a wind. Interviewed the Minister Public Works with several others and asked for annual inspection. He did not see what he would do, talked as if to have Stationary Engineers inspect boilers, which would practically destroy the usefulness of the Inspection Department proper and break faith with the other Provinces in this regard. The situation seems very complicated, do not think we made much of an impression. Wm. Inglis our principal support in Toronto could not attend being absent in New York. Called on Mr. Medcalf Inspector and left some papers I had borrowed from him. Also called on Mr. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister Agriculture. They are not buying three plow Tractors at present but will bear us in mind. They have not got the details yet of the way the Dominion Government are going to hand over the Ford Tractors for them to distribute in this Province.

Called on Mrs. & Mrs. and Capt. Magann now in charge of the 12th Battery, Wood's old battery. Spent an hour talking over the dear boys career, he told me of Wood's burial and other matters connected with his life at the front which were very inspiring. He will try and come up to see us before returning. Was five hours going and five hours coming from Toronto owing to the cold and delays of one kind and another.

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THURSDAY Feb. 21st. Zero and bright. Heavy mail. An order for a Locomotive Boiler. Received \$7113. from I.M.B. for car Feb. 7th. Did not feel well in the afternoon and spent it at home resting.

FRIDAY Feb. 22. 10 above and some snow. Paid \$5002. to 213 men including \$2630. piece work.

Wired W.J. Pippy, St. Johns, Nfld. as to the delivery of a secondhand Efficiency which we have and also price for 2 @ 30 H.P. Locomotive boilers one of which we made before you left and the other we fortunately have the material for.

Wired G.H. Evans would trade even 16 x 10 Peerless for Allen's 16 x 30 Corliss to clean up outstanding differences.

Shipped 2440 shells to-day.

SATURDAY Feb. 23rd. 26 above and bright. Tractor hauled the Efficiency boiler from the West Boulevard to boiler shop on skids without the least difficulty, it is a marvel in every way.

Four Blue Prints wanted by G.H.E. for secondhand engines we have in stock. We hope this will lead to the selling of several of them. Sold a 9 x 12 Secondhand engine that we have had in shop for nearly 7 years for \$125.

Received a letter from I.M.B. to reduce our 4.5 shells to 1800 per week in place of 4000, very much disappointed and men will so be who subscribed to Victory Loan. Wrote Mr. Southam on these lines but have little hope of an increase. The Munition Board are either in want of material or else they have not the ships to take over what is already made.

Received \$6840. from I.M.B.

Visited Sgt. Major Barnhill and left him his match safe.

Alice and Mildred Harris and I had lunch at the kennels. The ice is all over the flats immediately west of the kennels as far as the road leading up the hill. A very desolate looking place. The kennels are only open now for tea and toast on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons in order to conserve fuel. Met very few there.