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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Light Horse,
B.E.F., France.

My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Feby. 24th. Mild and thawing. Went to church with Alice. Wrote you a long letter about business, shell contracts, London Electric and also enclosed copy of pay roll and list of tools and machinery in detail, which I hope you will receive.

MONDAY Feby. 25th. Mild, fog and rain. Have order for 14 x 30 Corliss from Carnation Milk Co. Aylmer for \$1200.00 which we used to get \$1500.00 for. It has been on hand for 11 years, so you will see what money there is in that kind of manufacturing. Wheaton went to Niagara District working up some Tractor inquiries.

Received your cable "well" which was a great pleasure to us.

Very encouraging letter from Evans, he seems to be quite busy at one thing and another, and I hope he will work some of our engines off, he reports sale of an oilwell boiler that we sent to Calgary, paid the freight back to Montreal and are getting \$1300. for it covering the freight both ways and a little bit of profit. Included in this sale is a secondhand air compressor, tank, etc.

Heavy rain, flooding the streets and cellars in different parts of the City.

TUESDAY Feby. 26th. A drop in temperature of 30° which has frozen things up and prevented a flood in the old Thames again.

Met Hattie Smythe's remains in the morning and with her brothers and many friends saw her buried in the old Leonard lot. Mr. Warner officiated. Had the Cousins all to dinner in the evening and spent a pleasant evening talking over old matters.

Attended Huron & Erie and Trust meeting, made a few loans.

WEDNESDAY Feby. 27th. Warm and bright. We decided to offer the London Garden Assn. use of the 19 acres on Trafalgar Street to rent out to people deciding to raise their own vegetables this summer, all subject to an agreement. I am glad of this as I have been seriously thinking of doing the same myself. They of course will have to take all responsibility as we never could keep a post in its place out there in fact there are some people whom I think would steal the post holes if they could.

Did not go down to the office in P.M. as was very tired.

THURSDAY Feby. 28th. Warmer with flurries of snow. Did not go down to the office again and talked with my Cousins who were in and out and some had lunch with us.

Dear Elaine's birthday. All very tired in the evening. Estelle in Doctors care with a severe cold.

Balance to credit \$25417.00.

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EIL.

Shells shipped in February 13402.

Mr. Morgan says our average output for January and February was 642 per every working day.

FRIDAY March 1st. Bright and mild. Paid \$5201. to 215 men including \$2770.00 piece work. This is a banner payment Mr. Holmes says and was caused by some Sunday work in addition to steady working.

Received \$6919. from Imperial Munitions Board for shells shipped February 15th. Reduction in 4.5" output with drawn for the present and 4000 weekly output in its place. We are very glad of this as it will relieve us of breaking up our workman. We will now be able to run full handed.

Coal in the furnace at Oakwood out, equal to 40 tons for the winter, so you will know how severe it has been, included in this we used about 15% soft for the last 30 days and further the conservatory has not been on and for a month we have used gas instead of jacket heater.

Received this week order for 9 x 8 Clipper from Plant. 34" x 10 Ret. Tub. from Richardson of St. Marys. 20 H.P. Upright from Evans. 18 H.P. Dairy S.H. London.

War Tax notice to the 30th of June 1916 calls for \$2454. payable on the 28th March. Mr. Holmes will write you a letter on this subject possibly in to-days mail.

Paid \$1670. for employees Victory Loan payments which is very splendid in my opinion.

Sent \$50.00 to Uncle Henry in Stanley, Wisc. who is very ill and I am fearful he will not recover, would like very much to go and see him and may do so yet if I feel well enough.

SATURDAY Mar. 2nd. Paid salary cheques. Wrote Evans about 16 x 16 Perless and 16 x 32 balance wheel pulley that he is trying to sell to someone down there. This pulley rightly belongs to the large Corliss engine partly made up for the Clay Products Company at Medicine Hat four years ago.

The Contractor is putting cement coping on the wall next the G.T. which will finish that part of the work.

Livermore in the boiler shop lost a son at the front a year ago, we paid him two years apprenticeship bonus for which Livermore was very grateful.