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My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY Jany. 27th. Bright but at zero. Arrived home three hours late from Montreal, house cold. Wrote you a long letter about my trip.

MONDAY Jany. 28th. Very stormy, 10 above zero. Quite a large lot of letters to look over and answer.

American Can. Co. paid us \$7100. and we made a good deposit. This is for 2 - 72" boilers.

Got an order for a 72" x 16' boiler from Petrolia Barrel Co. price \$2873.00.

Two boiler orders and many inquiries during my absence.

Witland put in 16,000 lbs. of Lake Erie Coal into Oakwood Cellar during my absence, we are trying to use it but seems very doubtful if it will help us out much, it is very dusty and smells the whole house up. Received your cable yesterday.

Called and saw my old friend Mr. Bullen who died, aged 82 and attended his funeral next day. Met many old friends.

TUESDAY Jany. 29th. Zero again but pleasant. Read two of your letters pertaining to business matters to Messrs. Holmes & Morgan. Received the balance of E.W.L.'s pay from Estates, Ottawa and deposited same in Huron & Erie, \$310.73.

D.M. Fraser, died during my absence and was buried to-day aged 70 years, I thought he was older than I.

Putting up hot air pipes in mounting shop and commencing to elevate counter shafts for planers and boring mill.

Attended Huron & Erie report of 1917 on the table, will enclose one of it and also one of the Canada Trust.

No freights moving to-day and cars very scarce but we manage to receive and load up cars very quickly which is considerable advantage to us also being on the track so near the freight sheds is a great advantage.

Received a wire about trawler engines from Toronto and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Lamond will go to Toronto in the morning.

WEDNESDAY 30th. Zero weather. Mounting shop quite comfortable. Will get the work now on the big punch frame under way which has remained in the foundry since it was cast.

Attended audit committee of the Huron & Erie in the evening.

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NIL.

THURSDAY Jan. 31st. Below zero, but bright and cold. Received \$14090.00 from Imperial Munitions Board.

Messrs. Morgan and Lamond returned but got very little information about the Triple Expansion engines 24" stroke as no spare Blue Prints were available for studying up the matter, however they got other information and checked up the weights and concluded that they will weigh about 52,000 lbs. each and will be worth from .40 to 50¢ per lb. Time for completion 1st October about five months. Got some information from John Inglis & Co. about the boilers which are to be 10'9" dia. and 10 ft. long about 1-1/8" thick. Will tender for the cost of the labor only as the commission will supply all the component parts.

Tractor drew boilers from the G.T. crane to the work shops as a trial and worked very nicely on the snow. Wheaton seems to handle it without any trouble.

Had a long talk with Messrs. Morgan and Holmes about Marine engines and boilers.

Shells shipped in January 13668 which is less than I expected but due largely to delays on railways and not getting reports from firing test at Quebec, a lot of red tapeism in my estimation, we never had a single complaint in over two years of any shells proving defective.

FRIDAY Feby. 1st. 6 below, but bright. Paid \$5003.00 to 209 men including \$2642. piece work. Employees paid in \$1987. towards second payment on the Victory Loan which is most satisfactory, our money is largely going in the right direction.

Told Mr. Morgan the Marine engines should be largely made by the piece, he said the machine work could likely be arranged in that way but the erecting would likely have to be by the day.

Got our tender into shape for six Marine engines and 12 boilers and got it forwarded to Ottawa in the time stated February 2nd. It seems hardly possible that such an engine would require two boilers of the size specified, however it is none of my business.

SATURDAY Feby. 2nd. 13 below and bright. A carload of *coke* coal arrived which will help us materially as that article is very scarce, in fact some of the iron and steel mills in the U.S. are closing down for want of this article and it is getting to be a serious matter.

Cabled to you about Marine engines and boilers and also that Innis was likely on the ocean on a special mission to England, as per confirmation enclosed.

Called on Aunt Elizabeth in the afternoon but found her out. Walked all the way home and was pretty tired.

Received an order from Burrett of Mitchell for a secondhand 60 x 14 R.T. Boiler.