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My Dear Ibb,-

MONDAY, Jany.14th. Just above zero with some wind. Street cars running but steam car service demoralized.

Paid \$495.00 for a Burroughs Adding Machine after six months use. It saves a great deal of time especially in making up the mens pay. Hydro power very good considering the weather conditions, but we are informed that ice is very heavy in Niagara River and we may have some trouble in the near future.

All men on excepting few absentees by sickness.

Examined Woodmans hamper and found everything in good order.

TUESDAY Jany.15th. Milder and snowing. Paid a lot of private accounts. Cable from you and answered that the hamper had arrived and there were no express charges on it which were absorbed we suppose by the Department at Ottawa.

Pipes over head in foundry frozen and leaking now, this was a matter of carelessness on the part of James Hutton.

Attended Huron & Erie, found loans raised to 7% in Ontario, 7½ in Manitoba.

Coal for boilers in December 1917 1400.00 @ \$7.54 per ton against a price of \$4.20 a year ago. Under these circumstances our fuel account is going to be a large item in our expenses notwithstanding we have three motors giving us Hydro power.

WEDNESDAY Jany.16th. 4 above zero. Received an order from the Imperial Oil Company for 2 - 25 H.P.Ret.Tub.Boilers and fixtures for \$1500.00 F.O.B. Hamilton, this is 25 on our list.

All the sash in the monitors in the mounting shop in place to-day which keeps the weather outside of building.

Paid \$2300. in the last 12 months for fuel oil, price a year ago 5½¢ per gallon, now 13½¢ per gallon. This will give you an idea of how things are bounding up. Have arranged to buy \$20,000 Victory Loan Bonds at \$19928.00 for which we issued a cheque to cover same.

Mr.Medcalf, Chief Boiler Inspector, Toronto and Mr.Burns Inspector called. They are very busy on secondhand boilers throughout the country. Offered to assist them to bring about a yearly inspection of boilers and am writing in regard to this to Inglis to try and bring it about. This will interfere as you know with the business of boiler inspection but it is only a sensible thing as old boilers giving fairly good service cannot be interfered with until they are completely played out which is a



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great risk to the public. We discussed the pressure which would be allowed on the Street Railway boilers after examination and Mr. Medcalf thinks from what he saw they will be able to give us 100 lbs. on each.

Received your letter about Barnhill and the match boxes. Will attend to that matter when they arrive.

THURSDAY Jany. 17th. Received \$9643.00 from I.M.B.

Wire from Mr. Southam to come to Ottawa re shells. Morgan left at 6.50.

Was at Huron & Erie inspecting all the securities with Geo. T. Brown and auditors from 9.15 in the morning to 10.55 P.M. All entries accounted for. Very tired on reaching home.

Short of copper bands and Mr. Holmes was obliged to order some and pay freight or rather express charges on same.

FRIDAY Jany. 18th. Paid \$4732.00 to 208 men including \$2476.00 piece work.

40 cars of Lehigh coal arrived in the city to-day and are being delivered in all sorts of conveyances in 500 lb. lots.

Two cars of shells loaded but no wire from Quebec as to the test so they will have to remain until next week.

*See 19* Letter from Mr. FitzGerald of the I.M.B. who says all the Tractor orders that he had at his disposal were placed in November last. It was impossible for us to take this matter up with any certainty with him at that date because our trial Tractor had only arrived, we half expected this, but what we have learned since will be of great value to us.

Received \$7077. from I.M.B.

The two cars of shells were shipped to-day containing 1960.