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SUNDAY
December 31.

Works run all day with all Inspectors, foremen and men on hand principally on Tidy's discarded shells. We were able to get about 200 passed Mr. Everett with little or no attention and the large majority of them can have brass noses put upon them and pass alright. The result will be very few condemned as unfit for use. The great trouble with the whole Inspection Department is the want of knowledge of the Inspectors individually and the want of uniformity in their decision. Tidy should have told us that they would pass with brass noses rethreaded but the poor fellow did not know any difference so that more than half of them would have gone into scrap if he had remained. While on this subject we might say that on comparison one month with another September last 25 working days we finished and shipped 211 perfect shells, under Mr. Everett's administration December last with 23 working days our output was 470 per day. This would mean a great deal to us as our working expenses in either month would be practically the same. So far we are being treated in a very just manner by Mr. Everett.

MONDAY
January 1/17.

Received from the Imperial Munition Board \$4588.00. Was at office up until noon when I went to the kennels where only about 40 sat down to lunch.

Hugh Stevenson was elected over Gamage by 4000 majority, my choice was the latter as he had served the public for over ten years.

The guarantee of City to the Industrial Company for brining Industry to the City was defeated by only 300, of which I sent circulars. We should have had 300 to make it carry as the absurd law that they voted under calls for 2/3 to be in favor of it out of the total numbers of votes polled. It is understood that we will try and get it confirmed by the Legislature at the next session who have the power as the City Council and all bodies are in favor of it except the Real Estate Association which are against everything.

Called on many of my old friends with your Mother. In the evening Alice heard of two recruits and had them call at the house where she got the Corporal from the Barracks and they were marched off for enlistment. Your Mother and I entertained them in the meantime until the Corporal arrived.

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TUESDAY

January 2.

Got an order for a 36" x 10 H.T. Boiler for a cheese factory, price with smoke stack \$710.00 which is 10 on the list, this weighs 4650 lbs. you can figure out what we get per lb. for this kind of work for the present. How long it lasts nobody can tell.

Received package of diaries from Woodman.

WEDNESDAY

January 3rd.

Wired a strong letter to McAvity, Imperial Munition Board regarding our coal situation which is now very precarious.

Got a nasty wire from George Stewart why we did not have plates to suit his bloomin inquiries which we answered in no uncertain terms.

Paid Judge Britton \$600.00 on account of Principal on my mortgage.

THURSDAY

January 4th.

Delivered one boiler to the Industrial School (72" x 18 ~~ft.~~ ^{16 foot})
Wired George Stewart we could supply 72" x 18 ft. 150 lb. working pressure boiler for Alberta without any fixtures for \$2035.00 each F.O.B. London, this will give him and the customer out there the cold shivers, we keep the price open for ten days as Baterous has agreed to let us have these plates.

Attended Mrs. C. S. Hyman's funeral as pall bearer, only immediate friends present, it was very simple and very impressive and my old friend feels very very broken up.

Received a nice letter from Ibb.

FRIDAY

January 5th.

Rain and sleighing gone. Paid \$4545.00 to 209 men including \$1940.00 piece work. On comparison you will find that this is a banner pay roll. Received \$4500.00 from the Imperial Munition Board for shells shipped on the 19th December.

John Dodd inspected 5 Eclipse Boilers and he will be here in about two weeks again to pass three more.

Wrote George Stewart to load and ship 13 x 12 Clipper Engine and 60 H.P. Eclipse Boiler from the Foothills Lumber Company who have not made an effort to pay us for the last two years, we will run chances of Evans selling same and hold our own even with such enormous freight charges.

Shipped 1496 shells to-day.

Lake Erie Coal Company are so scarce of coal in London that they are teaming in slack to keep us going which we are very grateful for under the present stringency.

SATURDAY.

January 6th.

Cold and bright. Commenced unloading car of 50 tons plates, half of our order of the 24th November 1915, we get it all off and are very glad indeed.

First car of three Eclipse boilers and uprights arrived from Vancouver 26 days enroute from the coast. The freight bill is \$510.40 for 35200 lbs.

Finished unloading bar of pig iron at \$23.88 per ton which we fortunately ordered last fall. The present price of the same iron is about \$32.00 but the Hamilton Company are so full of orders they refuse to book us an order even at \$32.00 with any delivery date.

Received \$6845.00 from I.M.B. for invoice December 22nd.

Had a wire from McGregor of the I.M.B. about a carload of coal to carry us over till Tuesday and glad to say it resulted in getting the car on our siding at 5 P.M.