

work; in this connection, bearing in mind that a large number of these repair orders were of very urgent character.

All systems in the general office are reduced to the simplest form consistent with affording a complete analysis of every expenditure and the rapid finding of any item of expenditure under any heading—type of work, name of owner, or street address. The book-keeping in regard to labor, and the preparation of pay-rolls, etc., are mostly done automatically by specially devised adding and listing machines of large size.

Daily Material Inventory

The vacant plant of the Nova Scotia Car Works was seized by the commission as the general warehouse. Each day the warehouse superintendent makes a report to the general office of the incoming material, outgoing material and stock on hand. The incoming material reports for several months were each made up of from fifty to two hundred or more items such as the following:—

Ex. car No. 152708	... 10 Wasp ranges
	90 bags cement
	14 wooden benches
The Barrett Co.	.... 190 rolls 2 ply roofing
	2 casks green stain
Brandram-Henderson	. 2 bbls. green stain
	2 bbls. brown stain
	20 gals. varnish remover
Imperial Oil Co.	..... 4 bbls. gasoline
	5 bbls. coal oil
Stairs, Son & Morrow	. 6 kegs 4" wire nails
Etc., etc.	

The daily stock sheet is arranged alphabetically and generally contains about 350 items such as the following:

Bath tubs	.....	130
Beaver-board, sq. ft.	.....	152,920
Benches, wooden	.....	20
Brick, cars	.....	1½
Cement, bags	.....	750
Coal, cars	.....	2
Hammers, claw	.....	64
Kitchen sinks	.....	350
Lumber, 1" rough spruce boards	.....	57,436
Lumber, 2" rough planks	.....	11,526
Lumber, 3" rough deal	.....	47,442
Etc., etc.		

These stock lists include all manner of building materials, either bought or contributed. For instance, the stock list of March 10th, 1918, included various sizes and kinds (the quantity of each and kind being separately reported) of axes, bath tubs, beaver-board, benches, blocks, bolts, boilers, Bon Ami, bowls, braces, brick, brooms, brushes, carbide, cement, church bells, clay, closet bolts, clothes lines, coal, copper, cord, crowbars, dampers, disinfectant, doors, dry cells, extinguishers, files, gasoline, glazier points, globes, glue, grease, hammers, handles, hasps, heaters, hinges, hooks, hooks and eyes, jars, keys, kitchen sinks, knives, knobs, ladders, lanterns, latches, laths, lead pipe, levels, lifts, lime, locks, lumber, nails, oil, pails, paint, picks, pins, pipe, plaster, pliers, powder, pulleys, roofing, rope, sand, sand paper, sash weights, saws, scrap lead, scrapers, screw drivers, screws, sets, sheathing, shellac, shingles, shovels, snips, soda, stain, staples, stove pipe, strainers, tape measures, tar, tarpaulins, tins, turpentine, twine, valves, waste bales, wheels, whitening, wicks, wrenches and zinc.

Separate Glass Warehouse

The greatest demand for weeks after the explosion was for plate glass and ordinary window glass, as practically every pane in Halifax and Dartmouth was broken, and most of them were blown out entirely. The explosion was

followed by a severe blizzard and very cold weather, and there was acute suffering until the windows were replaced or boarded up. A separate glass warehouse was established where the various sized panes were kept in racks and were cut to exact measurements before being sent to the different jobs, so as to avoid all waste. Glass was purchased twenty carloads at a time. The local dealers were cleaned out in a day, and soon so was every dealer in St. John, Sydney, New Glasgow and other cities in the Maritime provinces. One of the earliest relief shipments from Boston, Mass., was half a shipload of glass. Most

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TEMP. REPAIRS

Main St. 411	#6 Dist.	John Smith
#432 20-12-17	Inspect and repair house	- - \$ 8.90
24-12-17	RR340 Gl. B.B. &c.	21.40
26-12-17	RR569 carp.	- 28.60
#690 3-1-18	Repair Roof and Plumbing	
#732 30-1-18	Shore up house and further repairs needed	
5-3-18	Carpenter and Glazing RR900	- 45.60
		<u>\$104.50</u>

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Main St. 411	#6 Dist.	John Smith
6-3-18 13 h., 50c.	\$6.50	
13 h., 30c.	3.90—10.40	
8 Bags Cement	6.00	
16 " Sand	1.60—7.60—\$18.00	

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Main St. 411	#6 Dist.	John Smith
6-1-18	Masons 20 h., 50c.—10.00	
	Lab'rs 20 h., 30c.—6.00—\$16.00	
375 Bricks	\$5.63	
2 Bags Cement	1.50	
6 " Sand	1.20	
2 " Lime	1.20 — 9.53	
		<u>\$25.53</u>

of the glass came from West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, from a score of manufacturers.

Model Labor Camps

In answer to the call for help that went broadcast at the time of the accident, workmen were sent to Halifax from many parts of Canada and the United States. For several months the number of men employed was very large, totalling at times about four thousand. Most of