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The usual quantity of R. F. gunpowder was received having passed tests under War Office supervision. The samples tested at the factory answered to conditions of manufacture and were put into use. The several buildings under my charge will require repairs this year, principally to roofs and exterior of walls which have suffered a great deal by the heavy rains of last season. Nothing but a sheathing of wood work and galvanized metal where required will stand the weather here. Stonework unprotected necessitates costly and constant repairs. A sheathing expensive at first, is in truth the cheapest, as it lasts many years with very little care. These buildings have not been put in thorough repair since occupied by the Cartridge Factory; if they are to be kept in a serviceable state it should be done without further delay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

OSCAR PREVOST, Major,

Superintendent, Government Cartridge Factory.