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Montreal.

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Dear Capt. Anderson

Yours of Jan 29th

Feb 17 arrived simultaneously last
Monday, the latter enclosing the
plans & specification for the Boundary
Wound Tablets.

I proceeded at once to enquire about
the ^{Tablets} latter & found after some investiga-
tion that they could not be made
here according to specification.

There appears to be no difficulty
about the enawelling but there is
no stamping machinery sufficiently

powerful & impers them in
the desired way from $\frac{1}{8}$ inch
boiler plate. Stamping in $\frac{1}{16}$ plate
is about the limit of their ability
here, & even if done in this
thickness the difficulty about the
die remains. The latter, I am
assured, would take some time,
(perhaps months) to make & would
be a very costly affair when finished.
They could be made in cast-iron
or brass without difficulty &
the problem coating given either
in this vicinity or ~~or~~ within easy

distance by rail across the line.
One firm contracting for the whole job
& undertaking to deliver the tablets
within a specified time. The cast
tablets would probably be strong
enough if made 3/16 instead of 1/8.
On learning the above, & knowing that
Capt Cameron was ^{probably} ~~possibly~~ in Ottawa,
I wrote to him ^{on the 4th} asking his ~~advice~~ ^{advice}, &
that he should telegraph or answer
by return of post. Not receiving
any ^{reply} by the 6th I concluded that
he had left Ottawa & feeling that
time was an important element in
the matter telegraphed to you ~~the~~
~~same~~ asking instructions.
These I now wait, & shall be

happy to attend to the affair if
either of the above substitutes will
ansure.

The cost of the labels, Cast- σ
laminated was variously estimated
at from 70¢ to \$2.00 each.
but I did not think it worth while to get detailed estimates
of the ^{price} I ^{may} ^{save} ^{by} ^{using} ^{your} ^{views} ^{on} ^{the} ^{matter}
Thinking that a well made Semi-vitreous

tile impressed with the inscription
~~would~~ ^{might} do I have written to the
St. John P.R. Pottery Co. to ask if
they could make such & what it
would cost, but have not as
yet received a reply.

I sent my report on ^{the} Lynch Lintar upon
to Capt. Cameron's address at Dappon on
Feb 10 & hope it has arrived safe. That
being of the lake of the woods I ~~sent~~ ^{sent} today
addressed to the Lintar. A few pages being
of change given in the lake are determined
to enclose collateral information just
received. Yours very truly
in haste W.D.