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Both Sanf. Brown and Interessan? put great stress? steak? on the difference of coating and impregnating Dodson and myself take the attitude that this is a hair-splitting attitude. Aug 20. At Snug Rock all day studying & writing til late.

Aug 21. Sunday Wrote long letter to de Bruyne remainder of day occupied with study of Lime patents

Aug 22. Continued study of Lime patents situation

Aug 23. Another Harsberger meeting going on. George intensely for it Rossi moderately for it. Sanford Brown against it and trying to delay further.

Bound Brook

Aug 24. George B and myself went to Bound Brook. Left office 9:15 AM, took subway to Liberty st there the Ferry then train of New Jersey central leaving 10 AM. arrived Bound Brook station 10:45. Train and country decidedly more pleasant than going to Perth Amboy or Bloomfield. Quiet little station. Took taxicab to the factory at 50¢ each, arrived there about noon. Everything seems orderly and men make good impression. Those who had to move from Chicago or Perth Amboy all are satisfied with their new surroundings. All but one have succeeded in ~~se~~ renting their former homes. I notice ~~Factory~~ working well much reduced force on a five day week plan. We have abundant

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Bound Brook new plant

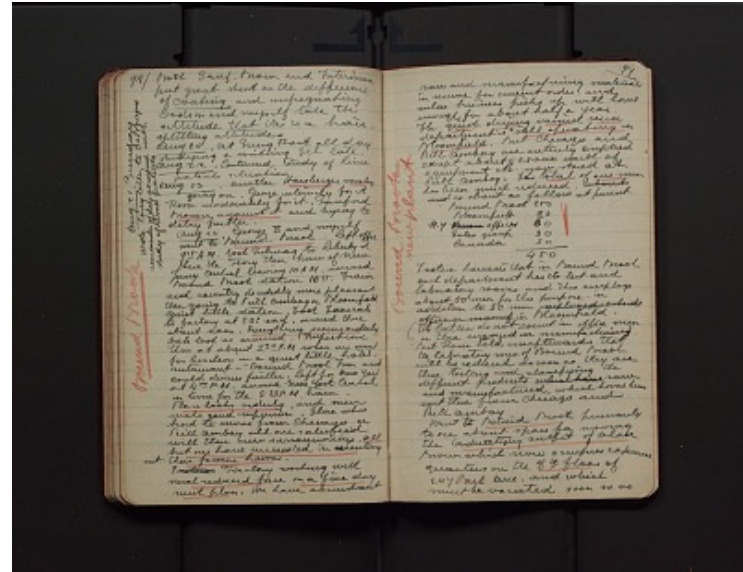
raw and manufacturing materials in reserve for current order, and unless business picks up will have enough for about half a year. The quick drying varnish resin operating in Bloomfield. But Chicago and Perth Amboy are entirely emptied except about \$25000 worth of equipment etc. now stored at Perth Amboy. The total of our men has been much reduced. ~~about~~ and is about as follows at present

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Bound Brook 250
Bloomfield 80
N.Y. ~~Varnis~~
~~offices~~ 60
Sales group 30
Canada 30

450

I notice however that in Bound Brook each department has its test and



laboratory rooms and this employs about 50 men for this purpose, in addition to 30 men ~~employed outside office or manuf~~ in Bloomfield. (The latter do not count in office men or those engaged in manufacturing). But Rossi told me afterwards that the laboratory men of Bound Brook will be reduced as soon as they are thru testing and classifying the different products ~~which have~~ raw and manufactured, which have been sent there from Chicago and Perth Amboy. Went to Bound Brook primarily to see about space for moving the Advertising outfit of Alan Brown which now occupies expensive quarters on the 8th floor of 247 Park Ave, and which must be vacated soon so as

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