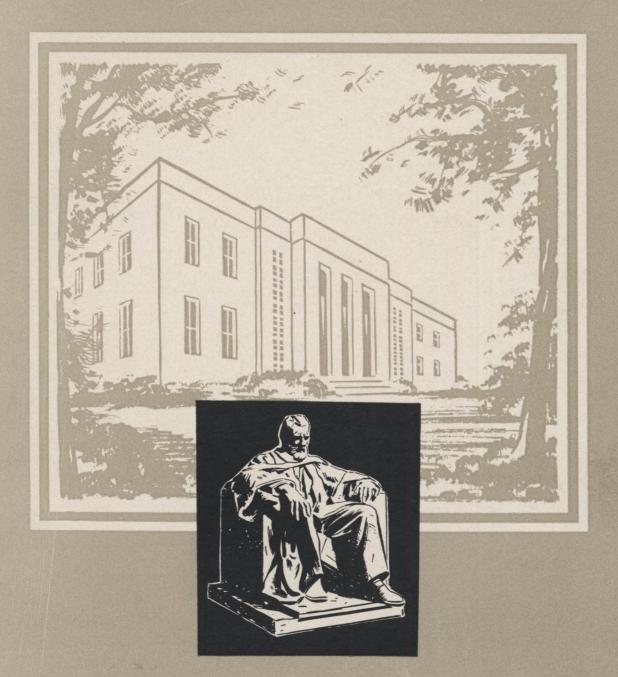
UNVEILING OF STATUE OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL



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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL 1847 - 1922

In grateful recognition of the inventor of the telephone.

Erected by the Charles Fleetford Sise Chapter Telephone Pioneers of America. 1949

Program

O CANADA

O Canada, our home our native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The True North strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! Glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,

INVOCATION	REV. BEVERLY OATEN, President, Brantford Ministerial Association.
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ADDRESS	Frederick Johnson, President, The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada.
UNVEILING OF STATUE	Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, Daughter of Alexander Graham Bell
BENEDICTION	REVEREND BEVERLY OATEN
AMERICA My country 'tis of thee,	GOD SAVE THE KING God save our gracious King.

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side Let freedom ring. God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save the King! Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us; God save the King!

TRULY A PIONEER!

It was the good fortune of some Canadians still living to know Alexander Graham Bell and to gain a personal sense of how great a man he was. Each speaks now of having been impressed by his charming personality, his wisdom, his enquiring interest and his enthusiasm for life.

He was truly a pioneer. Following his invention of the telephone, he experimented with such devices as the photophone, the spectrophone, wax phonograph records, multicell kites, flying machines, hydroplanes. And he carried on unceasing work in the interests of those afflicted with deafness.

Bell himself left us these words on the subject of pioneering in any field of endeavour:

"Don't keep forever on the public road, going only where others have gone.

Leave the beaten track occasionally and dive into the woods. You will be certain to find something you have never seen before . . . all really big discoveries are the results of thought."

But uppermost in the memory of those who knew Dr. Bell is the recollection of his great kindliness and his concern for the welfare of others. His spirit of service and of pioneering for humanity have lighted a way of life for telephone men and women everywhere.

CONCERNING THE STATUE

The idea of erecting in Canada a suitable statue of Alexander Graham Bell has been considered from time to time. But it became the privilege of the Charles Fleetford Sise Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America to give it reality. This Chapter is composed of 6,500 men and women all of whom have spent at least 21 years in the Telephone industry. It is fitting that this organization, a part of 135,000 Telephone Pioneers on this continent should sponsor such a project.

Financed by voluntary subscriptions of Telephone Pioneers, the project was welcomed by Mayor Dowden and civic officials of Brantford. The new building of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada was especially designed by Mr. Ferdinand Marani to provide a suitable background for the statue. The sculptor, Mr. Cleeve Horne, has created in bronze a striking likeness of the great scientist. Mr. Salvatore Schiavo of the Roman Bronze Works has produced the faultless casting.

As one telephone pioneer has said:

"In this bronze is embodied the spirit and hopes and idealism of everyone who has ever worked in the telephone business. When future generations of telephone workers look upon this statue, it should be an inspiration to them as its subject has been to us."

The memorial will provide incentive to all who are engaged in the important task of handling communications. It will be a constant reminder of one who was truly a benefactor to mankind.