

**Fifty Years Ago**

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From the north  
On board Steamer St. Paul, July 3rd, 1901  
I mailed a letter home just before leaving St. Michael's so you will see by that what kind of trip I had down the Yukon.

Now I am on the Behring Sea, about 4 miles out from St. Michael's enroute for Nome. There are over 600 passengers aboard, and there is not sleeping room for 400. I happened to be a lucky one and got an elegant stateroom and the middle berth. I sold my berth last night for \$3 and got another just as good for \$3 but I got my own back again tonight.

We are having a very rough voyage today, the boat is rolling very heavily and the waves are breaking over the saloon deck. Many passengers are sick, but a rough sea does not faze me at all. I rather enjoy it because it breaks the monotony.

Before leaving St. Michael's we went aground but high tide and three tugs got us off all right; then we were stuck in the ice and another steamer had to come and break ice so this one could turn.

St. Michael's Island is an Indian Reservation and when navigation is open a person can only stop there three days. There is no liquor sold on the island and no gambling or firing of guns allowed.

I went to a restaurant to get a meal and all I could get was bread and butter and a cup of weak coffee, which cost 75c. There was no fresh meat of any kind, and I was pretty hungry after being on a river steamer for 15 days, with 8 days provisions aboard and only allowed to eat so much, but I am making up for it now.

I left my 'appy 'ome for Nome, but it is not all gold that glitters and I am finding that out. Still there is some pleasure in traveling. Goodness knows where I will be when I next write home. Still I am contented with my lot and have never wanted for anything since I came up here.

Tomorrow is the 4th of July and I expect it will be a big day in Nome. We will likely land there some time in the morning. The 1st of July is the same as any other day in this country and I guess the 12th is also.

I think the sea is getting rougher. It just feels as though one was going up and down in an elevator and turning a sharp corner at the rate of a mile a minute.

Nome, July 4th.  
We arrived here last night at 10 o'clock. The steamer anchored about half a mile out and the sea was so rough that we could not get ashore till 11 o'clock this morning.

There are no docks here to tie up at, so the passengers had to come in on a lighter (scoow). It was all right till we got near shore, then the breakers would wash over the scoow and we all got wet.

Hoping all are well at home.  
John B. Clements.

**Honest Injun**

"Nice cool rain sunny weather" is the report from the Gibson reserve near Bracebridge. And the philosophical correspondent who sends this column in to the Bracebridge Gazette always has items of interest with a novel slant. From the last issue comes, "A good growing season crops seems coming very good so far. The caterpillars are all gone thank the goodness, hoping we never see them again, in the bushes is so clean now its just nice to get around and work. The mosquitoes are quite lot in the mornings for a while in any places.

The Gibson scribe was up to Bracebridge with a party visited the wrestling matches. Seen the good Indian with custom feather hat, as and Indian name, ohstoser-iahnonwarore, who is a good man in the ring.

There it is—a sample of the correspondence as she comes from the Gibson Reserve!

**Stop!**  
Oakville got its first traffic light last week. Its luxurious shades of amber, rose and cool green are fully described in last week's Oakville Trafalgar Journal along with notes on the inner workings of the lights. The whole outfit cost \$1,000. And that much money's worth stopping for.

**Can You Beat This?**  
From last Sunday's "Neighbourly News" program, that's devoted to telling interesting items from the towns and villages in Ontario and Quebec, came one of the best stories heard for a long time. A hunter up north got lost, and climbed up a hollow tree to get his bearings, setting his gun at the base. It wasn't told what he saw, but when he got to the top for some reason or other he fell in! Ten feet down in a hollow tree, he was resigned to wait until help came when he heard scrambling outside, and some other creature slowly descended his cranny. He reached up to feel—and felt fur. He jabbed the lowest end of the animal with his hunting knife, then grabbed handfuls of fur and let the angry bear carry him up and out of the tree! Yes, it was a bear. He picked up his gun and walked home.

**Canine Correspondent?**  
Unique correspondence comes to the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal from the Humane Society shelter. The personals which report—as last week—"there's a large white angora rabbit waiting at the shelter for anyone who wants to give him a home" read a little wistfully while the happy items are like "a good size turtle was adopted half an hour after being taken in." Also mentioned in last week's correspondence were Mesdames beagle, Spitz, part-spaniel-and-part-collie puppies, and Messrs. collie-spaniel, part bull terrier and the kitten brothers.

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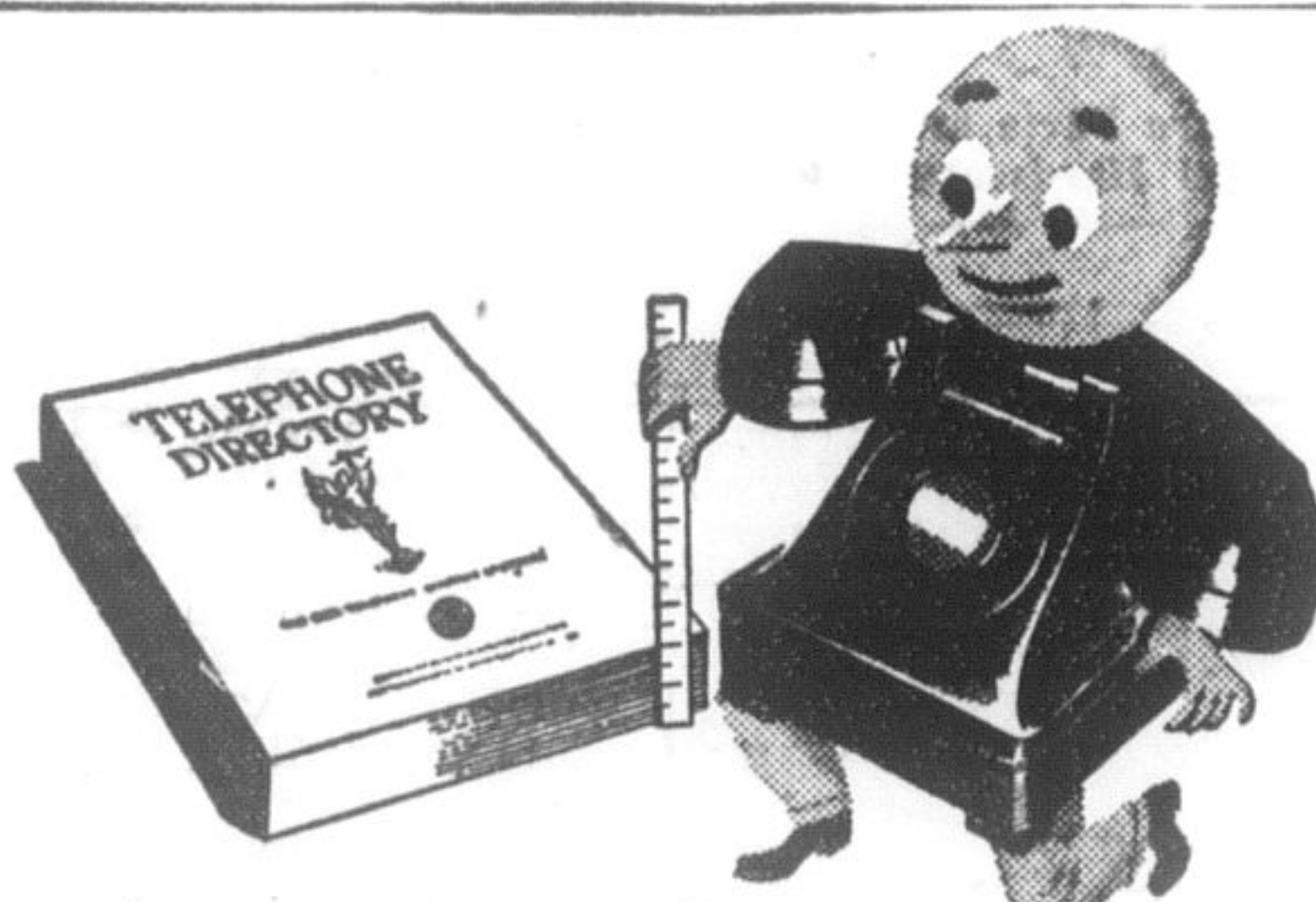
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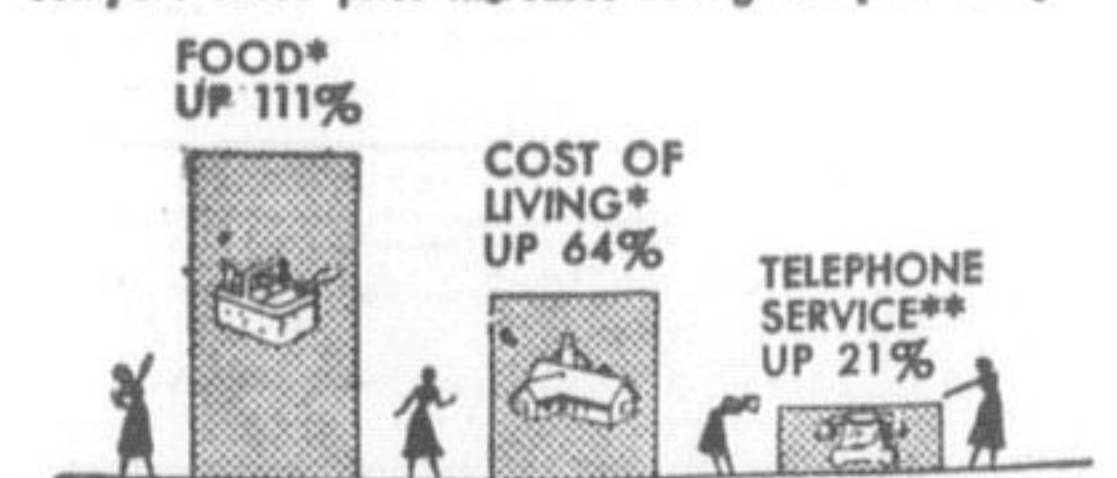
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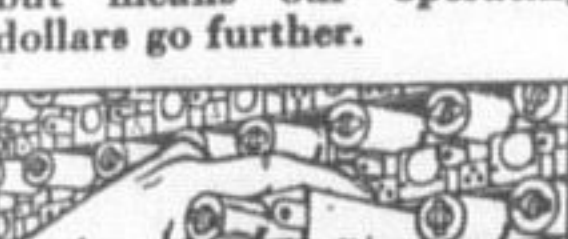
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