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Remember when...





These photos were submitted by Anne Todesco of Rossport. She asks ... Can anyone remember when Coca-Cola was 5 cents a bottle in the 30's at the Todesco store in Rossport. Remember when we could buy a cord of wood for \$4.50? The photo at the right is of the last toboggan party in Rossport before the early thaw in February. No snow is left on that particular slide today.



CHERYL MACDONALD

Unforeseen events often change the course of people's lives, moving them in unexpected directions. Such as the case with Alexander Graham Bell.

The son and grandson of teachers with special interest in elocution and speech pathology, Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1847. He was teaching well before his twentieth birthday, and enjoyed an excellent reputation as a result of his work with the deaf. Young Aleck might have spent his life in Great Britain, but tragedy intervened.

In 1867, his younger brother Ted died of tuberculosis. Three years later, Melville, his older brother, succumbed to the same disease. Frightened that he would lose his remaining child, his father recalled how he had regained his own health in Newfoundland as a young man. With his wife, widowed daughter-in-law, and Aleck, he decided to emigrate to Canada.

The family settled near Paris, Ontario, and Aleck spent the summer and early autumn of 1871 relaxing on the bluffs overlooking the Grand River. Although in later years he claimed to have come to Canada a dying man, in reality he seems to have been quite healthy, for he made frequent trips to the nearby Six Nations Indian Reserve to transcribe Mohawk words into Visible Speech.

Visible Speech was a system his father, Alexander Melville Bell, created for teaching the congenitally deaf to speak. Various special symbols indicated the placement of the tongue and palate, enabling a person familiar with the system to duplicate a sound or word in any language, whether or not they had heard the sound before. Aleck and his brothers had often demonstrated the sys-

tem with their father.

The family's interest in

the problems of the deaf

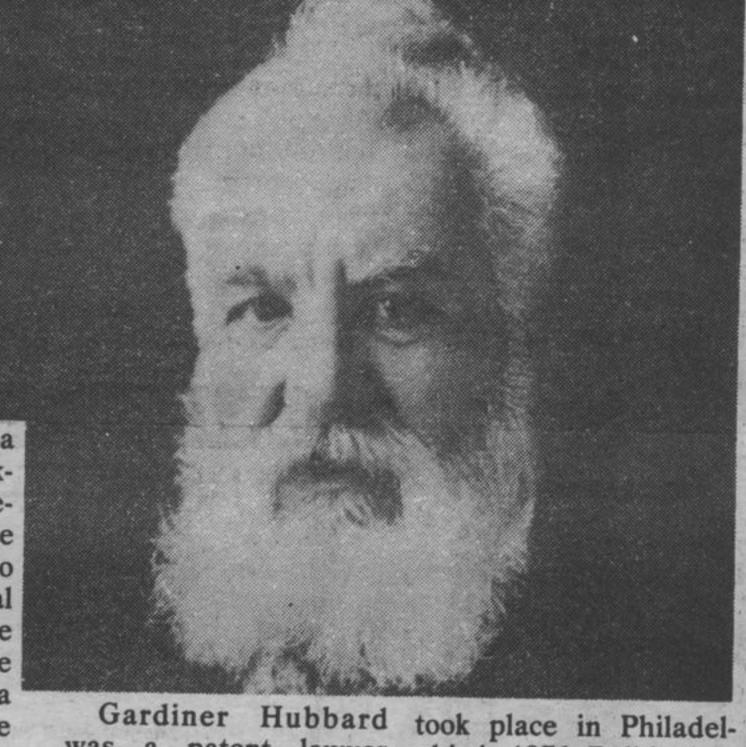
was understandable:

Aleck's mother, Eliza

Symmonds, was deaf. Visible Speech created a lot of interest, and Bell senior was often asked to lecture on his system. On one trip Sarah Fuller, princpal of the Boston School for the Deaf Mutes, asked him to consider teaching the technique there. Bell refused, but recommended Aleck for the position. So, on April 5, 1871, Bell arrived in the Massachusetts city to

Aleck's teaching brought dramatic results, particularly with children. Even when Dexter King, chief financial backer of the school, died, leaving Bell's job in jeopardy, he was able to support himself by taking private pupils. Through his teaching, he met Gardiner Green Hubbard, who had a deaf daughter. Mabel Hubbard would eventually become Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, but at the first the relationship between the two men was strictly professional.

take up his duties.



avidly interested in mechanical and electrical inventions. Since childhood, Aleck had dabbled with inventions. He lacked much out. basic knowledge, particularly in mathematics, but he had an insatiable curiosity and the stubborness to stick to a problem for long periods of time.

When Bell told Hubbard of his experiments with the transmission of sound over distance, the older man was enthusiastic. He encouraged Bell to pursue his research, and often it was Hubbard who forced Bell to stick to the work on the telephone when more appealing ideas threatened to divert him.

Bell complied for two reasons. First, he was genuinely interested in the invention. Secondly, he wanted to marry Mabel, and to do so he needed financial independence. Possibly the telephone could provide this.

He had outlined the experiment to his father on a visit home in August 1874, and a facsimile of his notes can still be seen at the Bell Homestead. But even after a patent was taken out on the invention there were many difficulties to overcome. When the Centennial Exposition

was a patent lawyer phia in 1876, Bell had no intention of exhibiting until Mabel quarrelled with him over his decision. Bell gave in, fortunately, as it turned

> Judging was set for a hot, sticky day, and the overheated judges almost bypassed Bell's exhibit with little more than a cursory glance. But one of the dignitaries in the group was Dom Pedro of Brazil, who had met Bell as a teacher of the deaf. When the South American ruler expressed interest in Bell's work, he was given a chance to demonstrate the telephone. The scientific community was electrified and Bell became a very rich man.

While the telephone was his most famous invention, Alexander Graham Bell spent the remainder of his life working on other experiments, as well as teaching the deaf. When two of his sons died shortly after birth as a result of respiratory problems, he invented the prototype of an iron lung. And, at Baddeck in Nova Scotia, he and several other adventurous men designed the Silver Dart, which became the first plane to fly in the British

Empire. Bell died in 1922, and was buried in Nova Scotia.

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