

Invention of The Telephone

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Note: To Mr. G. L. Long, Historian for the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, the writer is indebted for much of the information that is embodied in the following chapter.

Alexander Graham Bell was not the first person to dream about a "telephone" (a far speaker) but he was the person who made the dream become a reality.

Born in Scotland, Graham Bell came to Canada with his parents and the family established a home near Brantford, Ont. The son Alexander Graham Bell obtained a position as a teacher in a school for deaf-mutes, that was located in Boston, Mass.

Having an inquisitive mind he wished to understand the physical defects which caused the affliction from which his students suffered. As he came to understand the delicate mechanism of the ear—and how that mechanism reproduced—as sound—vibrations that had been transmitted through the air, to the ear, he became convinced of the possibility of making an instrument that would, in like manner, transmit speech. Apparently, when he began his research, his objective was the production of an instrument that would help the deaf to hear. As his research progressed, his objective changed.

By the year 1874 he had developed his idea and when home during his summer vacation, he gave his father a detailed description of an instrument that he was endeavoring to make and which he hoped would transmit speech along an electrically charged wire.

On June 3rd, 1875, he succeeded in transmitting inarticulate speech sounds from one room to another, in his boarding house in Boston. On March 10, 1876, he transmitted articulate speech, again within the limits of his boarding house. He was certain that success was within reach, and when he came home for his summer vacation he set to work on preparations for making his GREAT TEST.

Approaching the Dominion Telegraph Co. he received hearty co-operation. Bell was not only given permission to connect his new-fangled instruments to the telegraph wires; men were assigned to assist. Years later, one of these men, A. T. Smith, was to become The Bell Company's District Superintendent for the Toronto area.

The great test was made on August 10, 1876. When all was in readiness the inventor went to the receiver end of the line, which was in Paris. His father, Prof. A. M. Bell, was stationed in Brantford. Four miles of wire stretched between Prof. Bell and his father. Prof. Bell was a teacher of elocution and English Literature, and with this background nothing was more natural than that, as he pondered the possibilities associated with the test, his thought would turn to the dramatic and as he waited for the climactic moment to arrive, an apt quotation from Hamlet popped into his brain: "To be or not to be; that is the question." Those were the first words to be spoken over a long distance telephone line.

This test of two crude telephones, attached to a telegraph line that had been borrowed for the occasion, was one of the most memorable incidents in the history of scientific advancement, but we can safely assume that not one of those who were associated with the test, had the faintest conception of the change that was to be wrought by the invention that was represented by the two small instruments.

We can trace evidence of Bell's moderate expectations concerning the development of the telephone business, in the pattern that that development first followed. The inventor transferred to his father, Prof. A. M. Bell, 75% interest in his Canadian Patent Rights and the remaining 25% to Mr. Charles Williams, Jr., of Boston, Mass., for which Williams agreed to manufacture, without charge, 1,000 telephones for the Canadian market.

This contract having been executed, all was in readiness for the development of the Canadian field, and here is where the modesty of Bell's expectations becomes evident. Instead of erecting a complete telephone plant and renting telephone service, the promoters rented telephone instruments only, leaving to the subscribers the erection of their connecting lines.

Hundreds of Kiddies Receive Santa's Welcome Here

Nearly two thousand kiddies received Santa's welcome in Stouffville on Saturday along with the favour of a bag of candy from this popular red-coated gentleman. The annual parade headed by the Queen's Own Band moved through town from west to east and back and was given quite a welcome along the way. While the crowd lining the route was not so large as in former years, it was noticeable that dozens of cars from the countryside arrived later in the afternoon in time for the small fry to join the long lineup to Santa's stand in front of the municipal building. It required several hours to handle the children at this point.

In the competition for floats, the Stouffville Business & Professional Women's Club took first, Horticultural second and Mrs. Mole, third.

The prize for the best school float went to Hillcrest, S.S. No. 6, Whitechurch, second to Bloomington and third to Altona. Commercial first prize went to the Stouffville Lions Club and second Stouffville Fruit Market. Best decorated bicycle was that of Linda Mathewson, second Joanne Hendricks and 3rd Warren Hendricks.

While not a prize winner, an added feature of the parade was the Clown Band provided by Hendrick's Wardware and the Youth for Christ Band which entertained the crowds with music from a stand by the Bank of Commerce.

Business was brisk during the afternoon and several storekeepers told the Tribune that while the crowd seemed small on the street, people were doing more shopping than last year.

Judges for the parade were: Reeves Alf. LeMasurier of Markham Twp., Ivan McLaughlin, Whitechurch and Geo. Todd, Pickering.

Fire Truck Re-Routed To Unionville Blaze

The Stouffville fire brigade were hampered in their efforts to reach a fire on the farm of Mr. Harold Harper, 6th con. of Markham, north of Unionville on Friday when they discovered the road barricaded due to a bridge wash-out at Cashel.

It was necessary to re-route the truck, nearly four miles in order to reach the blaze. The implement shed was burned to the ground. Unionville fire brigade was also called. It is reported that the fire started when sparks from a blowtorch ignited gasoline on the tractor. A nearby metal barn was saved.

Trucker Killed by Live Wires Near Goodwood

Mr. Lorne James of Uxbridge, a gravel truck operator, was instantly killed on Tuesday night when he stepped from the cab of his ditched vehicle onto a live hydro power line. The accident occurred on No. 47 highway, 2 miles east of Goodwood.

James was apparently returning home when his truck went out of control on a curve and snapped off a hydro pole. When the driver finally halted his vehicle and stepped to the ground he was instantly electrified. Hydro linemen removed the victim from the line and rushed him by ambulance to Uxbridge where attempts were made to revive him. He leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. Arthur Pratt, a farm resident east of Goodwood was one of the first to reach the accident scene. Due to the power in the line he was unable to pull the

man free. The truck was not badly damaged. Whitby Provincial Police investigated.

SANTA CLAUS 'TAKES OVER' TOWN SQUARE FOR THE CHILDREN



Hundreds of children crowded around Santa Claus in front of the Municipal Bldg. of candy were handed out. A long lineup stretched down the street towards the theatre building.

Dogs Again Ravage Brodie Flock

In the early hours of Saturday morning, dogs attacked the sheep flock of Mr. Wm. Brodie, west of Stouffville. Three sheep were killed and thirty-two injured. Two dogs were shot.

Mr. Brodie had only recently purchased 240 Western lambs which he intended to feed over the winter and market in the spring. It marked the 3rd such attack on the Brodie flock this year. Some ten sheep were killed or damaged earlier in the summer.

The South Pickering water question, received a negative acclaim. The three districts casting a ballot on the question turned it down 182 to 151. Liverpool, voted in favor of water 90 to 61 but this majority was overcome by the other two returns.

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New Anglican Rector For Unionville And Stouffville

Rev. James Douglas Tiller. The new parish of Unionville and Stouffville held its first services on Advent Sunday. The new Rector, the Rev. James Douglas Tiller conducted both services.

Mr. Tiller was born in Niagara Falls, Ont., and was educated at the Collegiate there. He graduated from University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, with an honor degree in Philosophy. He then spent a year doing post-graduate work at the college. During the last war, he served for three years in the RCAF. Mr. Tiller is married and has three children.

During the preparation of a new rectory in Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. Tiller and family will reside in North Toronto.

We give them a hearty welcome to our community, and are sure that the new Parish will flourish under his leadership.

Unionville Trustees

Three candidates were elected to the Unionville Trustee Board on Monday. They were Messrs. Gordon Kerswill, Harold Dukas and Myrl Smith. Jas. Bacon and Frank Roberts were also in the running.

Don't Be Asleep on Election Day

Residents in Stouffville would not want to be called slackers or to be told that they were undemocratic. Yet those are terms that could well apply to those who do not turn out to cast their ballot on election day, next Monday, Dec. 13th. True, there are no burning issues at stake, but regardless of this fact, the candidates, those who have offered their services for council duty, deserve your support.

Approve Ward System In Pickering Township

More than forty ratepayers attended a special meeting called by Uxbridge Twp. Council on Tuesday evening to discuss the setting up of separate school section boards within the municipality. They will replace the present Public School Area Board system which is now being used. One man was appointed to represent each of the twelve proposed Boards in the Township. Each section will hold an organization meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, at 10 a.m. The Boards will each elect three trustees. If in any section a separate Board cannot be formed, the present Area Board will carry on until the necessary members are elected.

Milk Bottle Pilferers at Work

Milk bottle pilferers are at work again in the east end of town and residents are warned against leaving sums of money in bottles. On Wednesday of this week one Main St. lady left \$2.40 in a bottle in broad daylight and bottle and money as well were both snatched within an hour.

Melville Resident For 22 Years

On Friday evening, Dec. 3rd, Mr. Kipling Arthur Grant, a resident of Melville for the past 22 years, passed away in the Toronto East General Hospital. The late Mr. Grant suffered a stroke a week previous to his death and failed to recover. His wife, the former Mary Ethel Tyndall, predeceased him more than two years ago.

He is survived by one son William in Calgary, Alta., and two daughters, Mrs. Hilliard Miller and Mrs. J. D. Haddock, both of Melville. There are also two surviving sisters, Margaret and Fay Grant of Cooksville.

Injured in Corn Picker

Carl Timbers, son of Mr. Fred Timbers, 7th concession of Whitechurch, suffered a badly cut left hand last Friday when it was caught in a corn picker. One finger was broken and another quite badly crushed. He was treated by Dr. B. R. Mitchell of Stouffville.

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Stouffville Area Hunters Return With Prize Bucks

Previous to the opening of the Deer Hunting season, Weldons Mens Wear announced the first in a series of annual contests at deer hunting season.

This year as advertised in the columns of this paper the contest was based on the number of points on the antlers, highest number of points being the winner.

Mr. Wm. Over of Stouffville R.R.2, came out on top with a fine set of antlers having 12 points. Wm. was hunting at Edwards camp near Burleigh Falls, along with Messrs. Alf Rose, Howard Edwards, Bill Nesbitt, John Elson, Clark Hood.

Runner-up was Mr. Lee Fretz of Claremont R.R. 3, who brought in a fine rack with 11 points. Lee was hunting at Commanda along with Messrs. Walt Smith, Harry Cruse, Floyd Perkins, Earl Wideman, John Burnett, Don Giffin, Earl Bone, Gord. Brumwell, Don Harper and Ernie Smith.

The winners have received the following prizes with compliments of Weldons Mens Wear. First prize was a handsome pure wool hunting coat by Carss Mackinaw. Second Prize, a smart all-wool plaid sport shirt by Buck-Skein Joe.

Suggest Meetings for Next Year's Local Election

To date, the forthcoming municipal election in Stouffville has been anything but a boisterous one. However, the fact that eight candidates are in the field, two for reeve and six for council, cause many to predict a considerable vote next Monday. Reeve Ogden who has served nearly four years as chief executive, in addition to several council terms, is being opposed by Councillor Elmer Daniels and in this contest, a close race is being predicted.

Councillor Delbert Booth moved from Stouffville near the end of the term, causing one vacancy and for this seat and the one left by Mr. Daniels, are several new names. Coun-

cilors Glenn Ratcliff and Milt. Burk are seeking re-election, and Win Timbers, Ken Laughway, Len Buckland and Elgin Wagg are also seeking seats on the 1935 council.

It has been suggested by some candidates and several members of the Chamber of Commerce that it would have been a good move, if the Chamber had called an election meeting where the ratepayers could come to hear what new legislation the aspiring councillors had in mind and where questions could be asked about the present administration. The general feeling was to call a meeting this year would be too short notice but the idea will definitely be brought forward next year.

How They Voted in Whitechurch Twp.

For the new County Registry Office at Newmarket. The tender price was \$52,890. Six firms entered bids for the job.

Markham Twp. Returns Reeve Alf. LeMasurier By a Large Majority

Reeve Alf. LeMasurier was returned to office in Monday's election in Markham Township by a large majority. Mr. LeMasurier polled a total of 1,661 votes against his opponent, Mr. Hooper's 897. For the office of deputy-reeve, W. L. Clark was also returned to office defeating Art Lennie 1,327 to 1,149. Mrs. Kathleen James, first woman to ever sit on Markham Township Council last year lost a close contest in Ward I to Vern Griffin, one-time reeve of the Twp. The defeat was a heart-breaker for the lady candidate who had polled an exceptionally good vote in her initial year and had hoped to return for a second term. Mr. Masters, third candidate in Ward I, polled only 86 votes.

Ward II received an acclamation for Don Deacon while in Ward III, Archie Little was returned by quite a majority, 449 to Mr. King's 142.

The vote was not large, estimated by the Returning Officer at about forty per cent. The fact that there was an acclamation for Ward II for council may have had some bearing on the percentage, it is thought.

Reeve LeMasurier in returning by a large majority bore out the predictions of his supporters. He was only headed in two polls out of the nineteen, those being Hagerman and Victoria Square. Mr. Hooper

polled a strong 110 votes in Highland Park, but the sitting reeve did equally well with 252. Mr. LeMasurier's strongest polls were Doncaster, Langstaff, his home poll, Unionville where he ran up 238 votes and Cedar Grove with an even hundred.

Art Lennie, making his bid for deputy-reeve, ran strong but lost out to Mr. Clark in Cedar Grove, Buttonville, Unionville and other east side polls.

Poll by Poll Vote in Markham Twp.

Poll Subdiv.	Reeve		Dep.-Reeve	
	Hooper	LeMasurier	Clark	Lennie
Ward No. 1				
Highland Park	110	252	79	287
Doncaster	54	129	50	123
Thornhill (a)	46	89	34	90
Thornhill (b)	46	59	27	68
Langstaff	24	145	33	51
Hunt's Lane	12	62	38	34
Elgin Mills	9	28	20	16
	301	764	341	669
Ward No. 2				
Green Lane	48	52	35	42
Hagerman	68	61	91	39
Buttonville	87	92	104	75
Unionville	58	238	174	110
Victoria Square (a)	58	31	44	46
Victoria Square (b)	85	22	46	54
	404	496	514	266
Ward No. 3				
Hagerman	38	75	75	36
Mrs. B. Madsen	16	79	75	17
Mount Joy	31	57	66	20
Dickson's Hill	25	46	64	10
Cedar Grove	39	100	126	33
Mongolia	43	44	66	18
	397	1661	1327	1149

FOR COUNCIL IN WARD 1

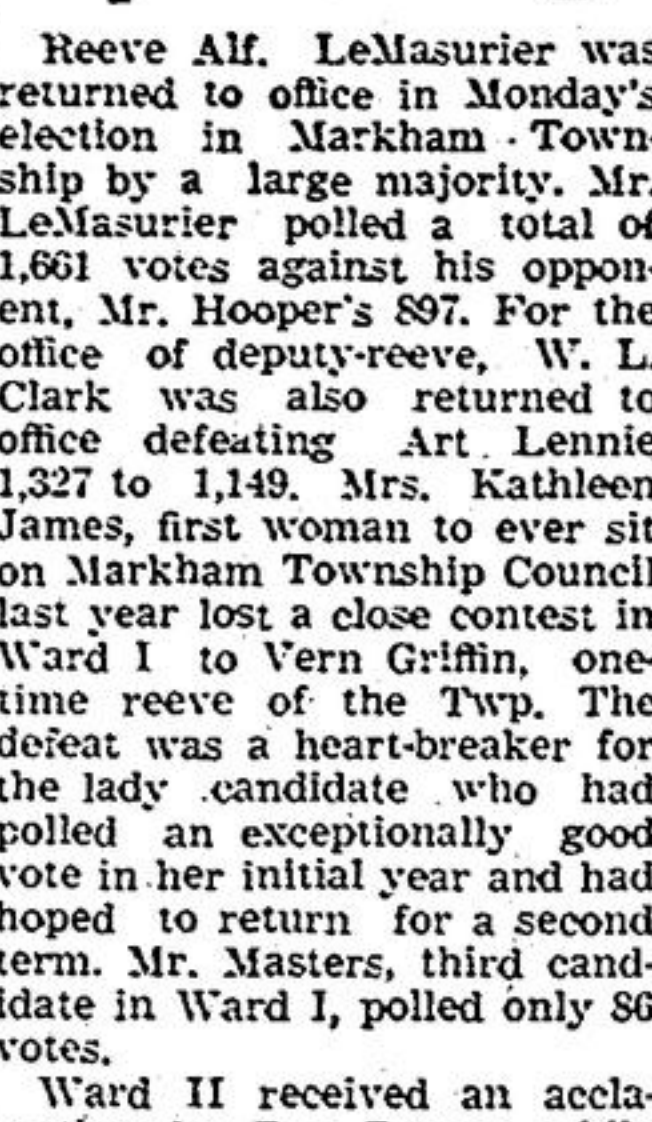
P.S.D.	Griffin	Mrs. James	Masters
Highland Park	134	205	24
Doncaster	121	74	8
Thornhill (a)	116	13	8
Thornhill (b)	49	22	32
Langstaff	45	105	6
Hunt's Lane	36	39	3
Elgin Mills	5	24	5
	508	481	86

FOR COUNCIL IN WARD 3

P.S.D.	King	Little
Hagerman	28	80
Mrs. B. Madsen	12	80
Mount Joy	20	70
Dickson's Hill	25	45
Cedar Grove	10	131
Mongolia	44	43
	142	449

Re-Elected

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