

BELL CENTENNIAL, BRANTFORD

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Greetings Broadcast from Ottawa
by
Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Johnson and Gentlemen:

I had hoped to be able to be present, in person, at the Bell Centennial celebration this evening. I am genuinely disappointed that this has not been possible. I am the more grateful that the Bell Telephone Company has, notwithstanding, made it possible for me to extend over its system a word of personal greeting and good wishes to all who may be present. I rejoice at being able to join with you, if only by a word, in paying tribute to one of the great scientists and inventors of all times. *the man who has* *the man of the world's great humanitarian*

Alexander Graham Bell's many associations with Canada, and particularly his invention of the telephone, at Brantford, entitles our country to a real share in his fame. His name rightly finds its place among the benefactors of mankind.

One has but to consider the problems presented by weather conditions, at this very hour, to realize the immeasurable service the telephone renders communities and countries, day by day, from year to year.