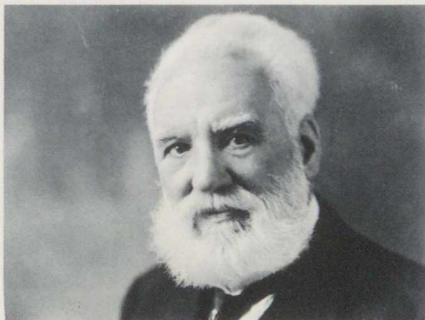


AUGUST

[LINES BUSY]

3 Alexander Graham Bell, using a double pole membrane transmitter, put through the world's first long distance telephone call, from Brantford to Mount Pleasant, Ont., in 1876. Two years earlier he had told his father, Prof. Alexander Melville Bell, that he knew how to transmit the human voice by wire. His father, instead of laughing, told him to go ahead and do it. He did, in Brantford. By 1974 the price of a local phone call had risen to 20 cents in some places and some of the calls were being bounced off the satellites Anik I and Anik II. Canada now has a network of some ten million phones connecting two million square miles. If you wish, you can call Grise Fiord on Ellesmere Island, 650 miles north of the Arctic Circle.



[CLAIM]

6 On this day in 1691 Henry Kelsey claimed the Red River Valley for Great Britain.

[FIRST AID]

8 In 1641 one of Canada's first great women achievers, Jeanne Mance, arrived at Québec to found the Hotel Dieu, Montréal's first hospital.

[HULL DOWN]

13 The Canadians and the Indians met this day in 1812 under the leadership of Isaac Brock and Tecumseh, to plan a strategy to drive the invading U.S. forces under General Hull back home. The strategy worked.

[CONSERVATION]

14 The Northwest Council issued an edict protecting the buffalo in 1877. As a result, more or less, there are now enormous numbers of buffalo roaming around the national forests.

[GOLD]

17 In 1896, George Cormack, Skookum Jim and Tagish Charlie found gold in Bonanza Creek. In two



years the great Klondike Rush was in full roar. Food prices skyrocketed, saloons opened their swinging doors and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad was built to carry the men in and the precious metal out. The Rush died, the saloons closed but the WP&Y chugs on, carrying gold and other valuable ores out of them thar hills; well over \$100 million worth a year.

[AMORE]

20 William A. Smith was born in Windsor, N. S., in 1825. In time

William would do many wonderful things. He went as a young man to San Francisco where he persuaded the California legislature to pass a bill changing his name to Amore de Cosmos, which by his translation meant Lover of the Universe. He then returned to Canada where he founded *The Victoria Colonist* newspaper, and became, in time, the second Premier of British Columbia. He later served in the House of Commons and he died on the fourth of July in 1897.

[DIT, DIT, DAH]

27 John McCurdy (who had made the first heavier-than-air flight in the British Empire) sent the world's first wireless message from a plane in 1910 at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y.

[OUCH]

28 The Duke of Richmond, the Governor-in-Chief of Canada, who had survived the Battle of Waterloo and a tour of duty in Ireland, succumbed to the bite of a rabid fox, near Ottawa, this day in 1819.

[A CUPPA]

31 On this day in 1825 the first cup of East Indian tea was brewed in Montréal.

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