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Official Opening of Alexander Graham Bell Park

An expanded Alexander Graham Bell National Historical Park was officially opened on 19 August 1978 by the Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, P.C., M.P. Present at the official opening were officials representing the various levels of government and some of the descendants of those people for whom the park was established. The complex records the work of not only A.G. Bell, but also, to a degree, that of F.W. (Casey) Baldwin, J.A.D. McCurdy, along with Selfridge and Curtiss.

For historians of Canadian science and technology, the expanded complex offers unique research opportunities which the original park, dedicated in 1956, did not. Space has been allocated for a research library in which the following have been deposited: A.G. Bell's Home Notes, Lab Notes, Beinn Bhreagh Recorder, A.E.A. Bulletin, Dictated Notes, Bell Family Letter Books. Most of the above are bound Xerox copies as the originals have been donated to the Library of Congress in the USA. Besides the above, the library also contains part of Bell's Washington library comprised mainly of serials and government publications; xeroxes of Parkin's collection which was used to produce the book Bell and Baldwin; Rhodes' material; material collected by Parks Canada historians assigned to the expansion of the A.G. Bell project. This includes photographs, graphics, and written material.

These collections and the more than 1200 original artifacts previously donated by Bell's descendants brings together material that had been widely dispersed. This does not mean that the Baddeck collection is complete, but the information that is presently available there should make work easier for any researcher working in this area.

Ms. Elizabeth Quance of Parks Canada is presently cataloguing the collection in Baddeck and putting it into coherent form. A summary of this work may appear in this Bulletin in the near future.

—Arnold Roos (Parks Canada)

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For those interested in restoration in general and industrial archaeology in particular, we bring to your notice a new Belgian publication "Bouwkundig Erfgoed in Vlaanderen-Berichtenblad" published by the Rijksdienst voor Monumenten-en Landschapszorg. Handsomely printed with illustrations, the bulletin surveys work being done in the Flemish part of Belgium. Those interested and with a reading knowledge of Dutch can contact them at Jozef II Straat 30 (3^{de} verdieping), B-1040, Brussels. Belgium.

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A Bibliography for Courses in the History of Canadian Science and Technology compiled by the editors of the Bulletin will be available soon. It surveys the major literature that is suitable for classroom and student research work, is divided into subject categories, and has commentary on the more important items. It will also be of use to those who have an interest in the field and would like a handy reference to the essential literature. There is, of course, no comprehensive bibliography available anywhere for our field as yet. Single copies may be obtained for \$2.50 (payable by cheque to HSTC Bulletin). The Bibliography will be available about the end of September.