

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 20, 1911

Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. June 20, 1911. Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Conn. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Dear Mabel:

Your notes of June 14 and June 15 received this morning.

Davidson reports that all through the winter people down the Bay drew their supply of drinking water from Baddeck Bay through a hole in the ice. He says that the water under the ice is quite fresh. That he has tasted it himself; and that all you have to do to get fresh water is to put down a bucket through a hole in the ice. I don't vouch for the accuracy of the statement but give it to you for what it is worth.

Dr. Grenfell — now Sir Wilfred Granfell — has reported recently upon the success of his reindeer experiment. His original importation was 300 reindeer. They have now increased to 1200 and they furnish the inhabitants with milk, and meat; and the skins are used for clothing.

In speaking of the reduction in the price of cable-grams Poastmaster-General Samuel of Great Britain expressed the opinion that “six-penny cablegrams would bind the Empire together better than any reciprocal treaties.”