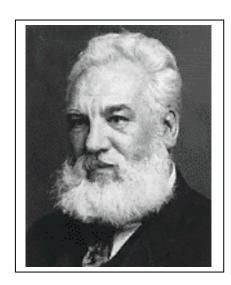
## **Alexander Graham Bell** (1847 – 1922)

He invented the telephone. Also invented photophone, aids for teaching the deaf.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on March 3, 1847. His father Alexander Melville Bell, was a famous teacher of elocution, an expert on phonetics, and author of a system of "visible speech'.

In 1870 Graham Bell's health began to decline; there were fears of consumption. So with his father, he left his native country and went to Canada.



He spent much of his life working with deaf-mute people and experimenting with sound.

The most extraordinary thing of inventor of the telephone, is that he hated the telephone. When he retired to his country house at Baddeck to wrestle with the manifold problems of invention, he stuffed his telephone bell with paper to prevent it from interrupting his work.

He gave numerous addresses and published many scientific monographs. Bell was the founder of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. Also he helped founding the National Geographic Society.

Throughout his work Bell Maintained his two main fields of study; his tuned system of multiple telegraphy and the study of air waves within the ear during reception of voice sounds.

He died on August 2, 1922, at his summer home near Baddeck, Nova Scotia.