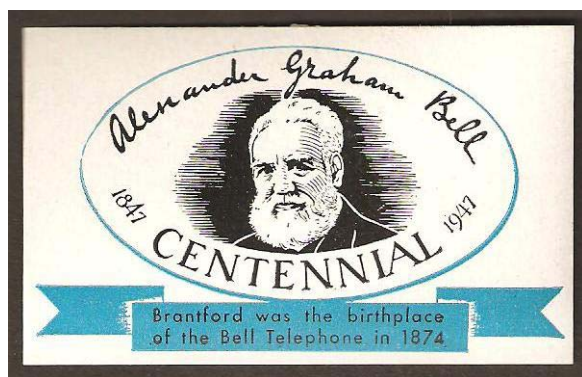


**FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE 1947 CANADA
BELL COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE**

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**Figure 1. The Official Bell
Centennial Logo**

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PART II

**TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY, CITY OF BRANTFORD &
MISCELLANEOUS THEMES**

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FDC No.: 274.301.01

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This blue cachet shows Bell's portrait in an oval frame surrounded by various models of telephones. The years 1847 and 1947 are above the portrait and "CENTENNIAL" is at the bottom, together with Bell's signature.

Photo:

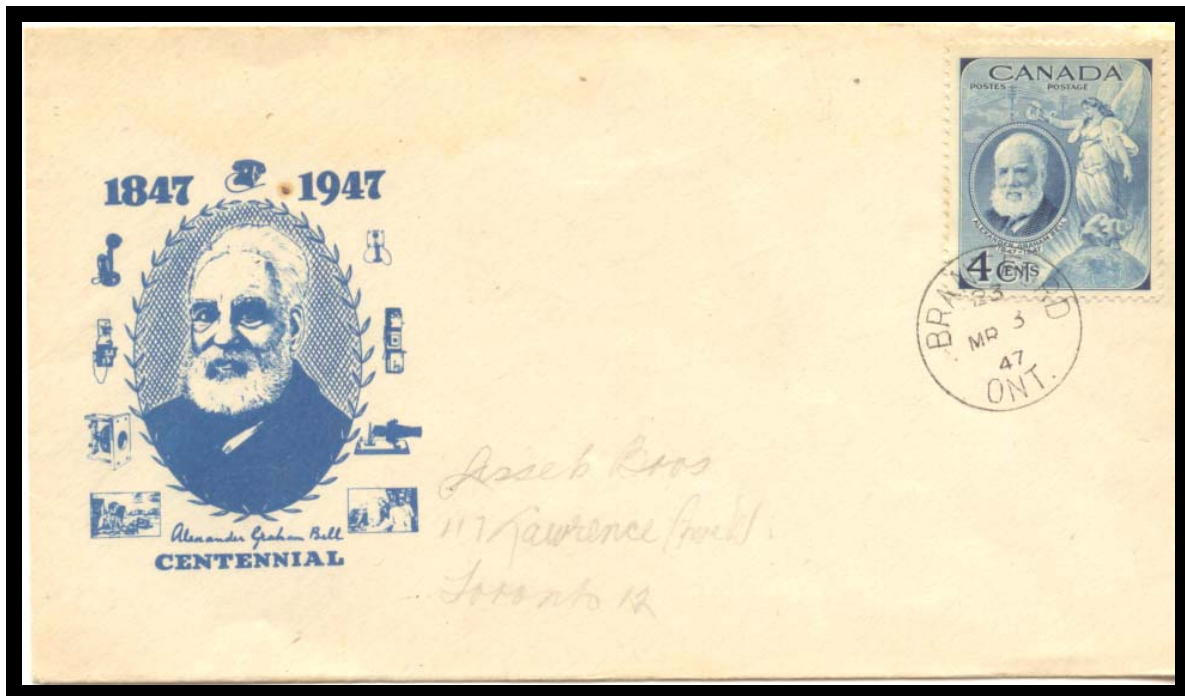


FDC No.: 274.301.02

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This cachet has the same design as the previous one, however it is printed in a much deeper shade of blue.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.302

Cachet By: Cachet Craft (Ken Boll)

Description: Here is a brown cachet featuring a telephone within a circular frame and a portrait of Bell in a rectangular frame beside a maple leaf. Bell's name and the centennial years are at the top of the design, the place is identified in the maple leaf, and "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" is the text in a brown rectangle at the bottom. This was the first cachet designed by Ken Boll for a Canadian stamp issue.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.303.01

Cachet By: Stephen Anderson

Description: This maroon-coloured cachet was prepared for U.S. Scott No. 893 but used also for the Canadian Bell commemorative. The pictorial element shows the first telephone, as noted in the text beneath it, while below that appears Bell's name followed by a brief seven-line biography in very small type.

Photo:

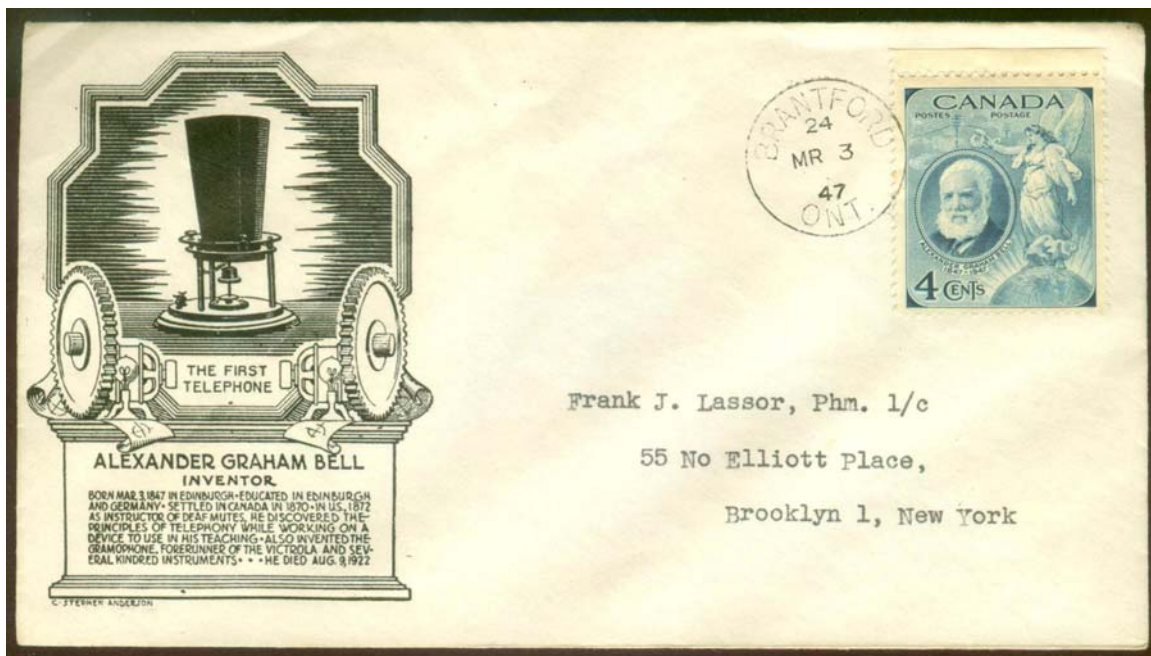


FDC No.: 274.303.02

Cachet By: Stephen Anderson

Description: This cachet has the identical design to the previous one but is in black.

Photo:

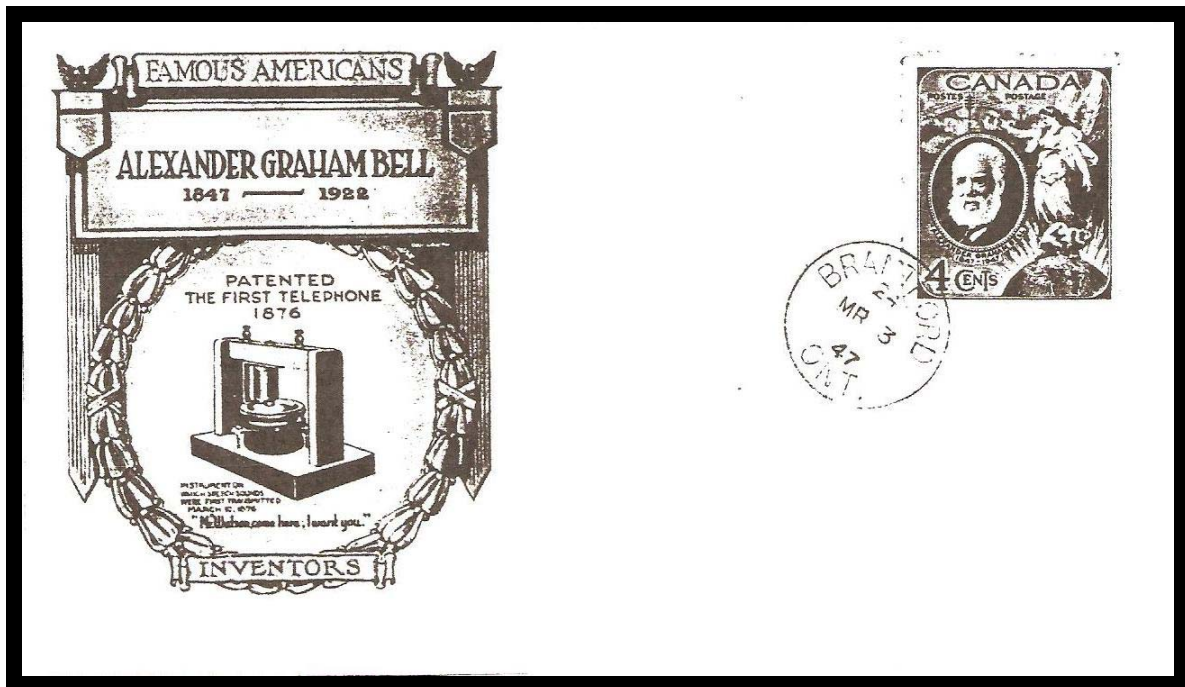


FDC No.: 274.304

Cachet By: Aristocrats

Description: This cachet in black and grey also appears to have been prepared for the U. S. Scott No. 893 issue. It is one of a "FAMOUS AMERICAN INVENTORS" series as shown at the top and bottom of the design which features a picture of the first telephone. Bell's name and centenary years appear on a tablet near the top of the design while the text "PATENTED/ THE FIRST TELEPHONE/ 1876" appears directly above it.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph appearing in a periodical.



FDC No.: 274.305

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This simple design features a telephone at centre left and text across the bottom of the cover reading, "100th Anniversary Graham Bell—First Day Cover."

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph appearing in a periodical.

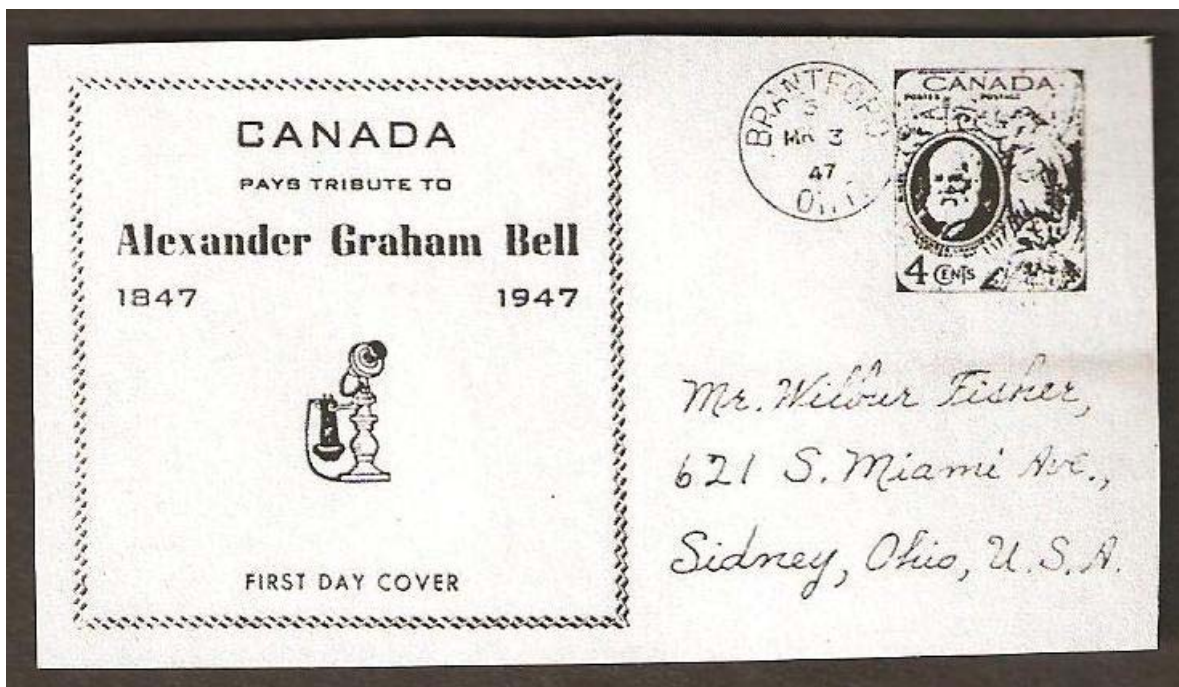


FDC No.: 274.306

Cachet By: Ernest Doak

Description: This cachet, whose colours are unknown, shows the same telephone model as 274.304. The telephone is within a square which also includes five lines of text as follows: "CANADA/ PAYS TRIBUTE TO/ Alexander Graham Bell/ 1847 1947/ FIRST DAY COVER."

Photo: This is a second-generation scan from a black and white photograph.

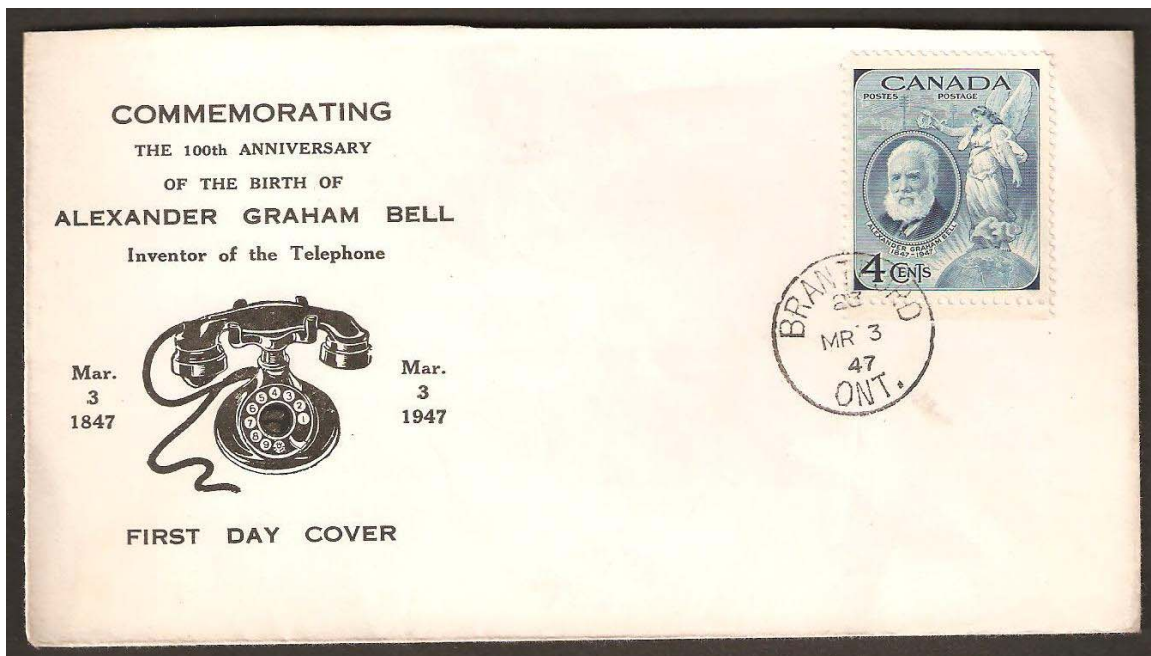


FDC No.: 274.307

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: A different model telephone is shown on this black cachet. March 3, 1847 and 1947 dates are shown at the sides of the telephone and "FIRST DAY COVER" is at the bottom. Text above the picture reads, "COMMEMORATING/ THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY/ OF THE BIRTH OF/ ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL/ Inventor of the Telephone."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.308

Cachet By: Brantford YMCA

Description: This cachet shows a black telephone with a green maple leaf in the background. Text below the leaf is, "Commemorating the One Hundredth/ Anniversary of the Birth of/ ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL/ who conceived the idea of the tele-/ phone at Brantford, Ontario, Canada."

Photo:

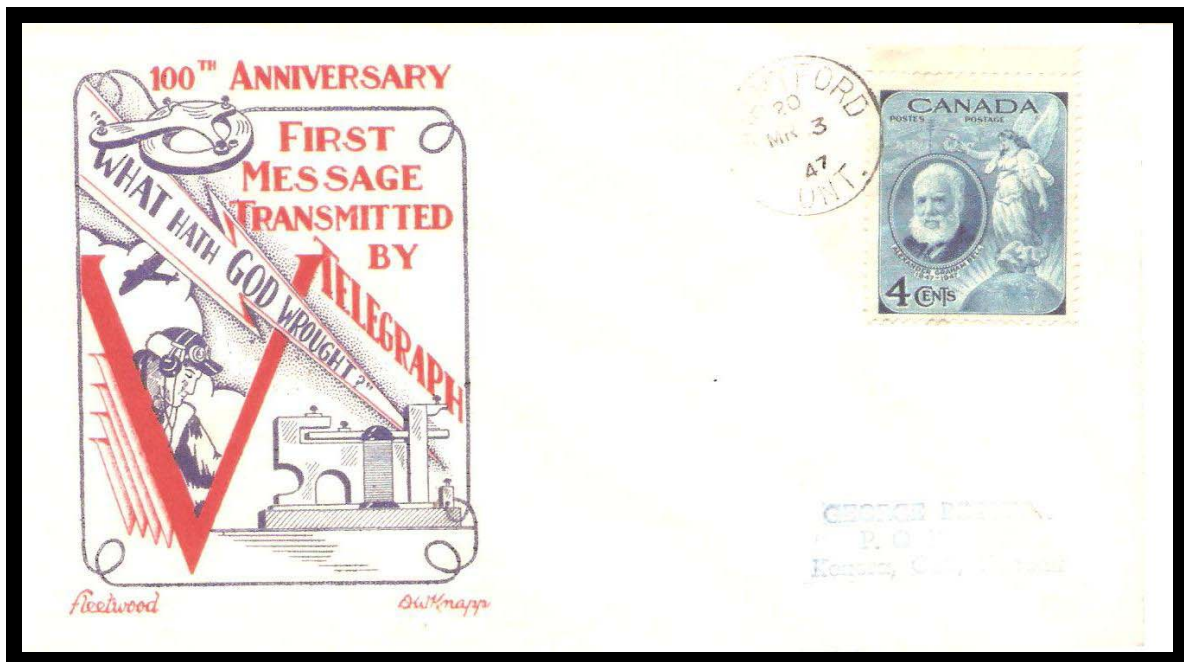


FDC No.: 274.309

Cachet By: Fleetwood

Description: This blue and red cachet shows a telegraph machine and a patriotic theme. Red text at the top is, "100th ANNIVERSARY/ FIRST/ MESSAGE/ TRANSMITTED/ BY/ TELEGRAPH," while blue text on the diagonal reads, "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.310

Cachet By: John P. Lundberg

Description: This purple cachet includes the return address of the maker, a sketch of a telephone, and the following text: "100th Anniversary/ Alexander Graham Bell/ Inventor of the Telephone/ FIRST DAY COVER/ (SEE INSIDE)."

Photo:

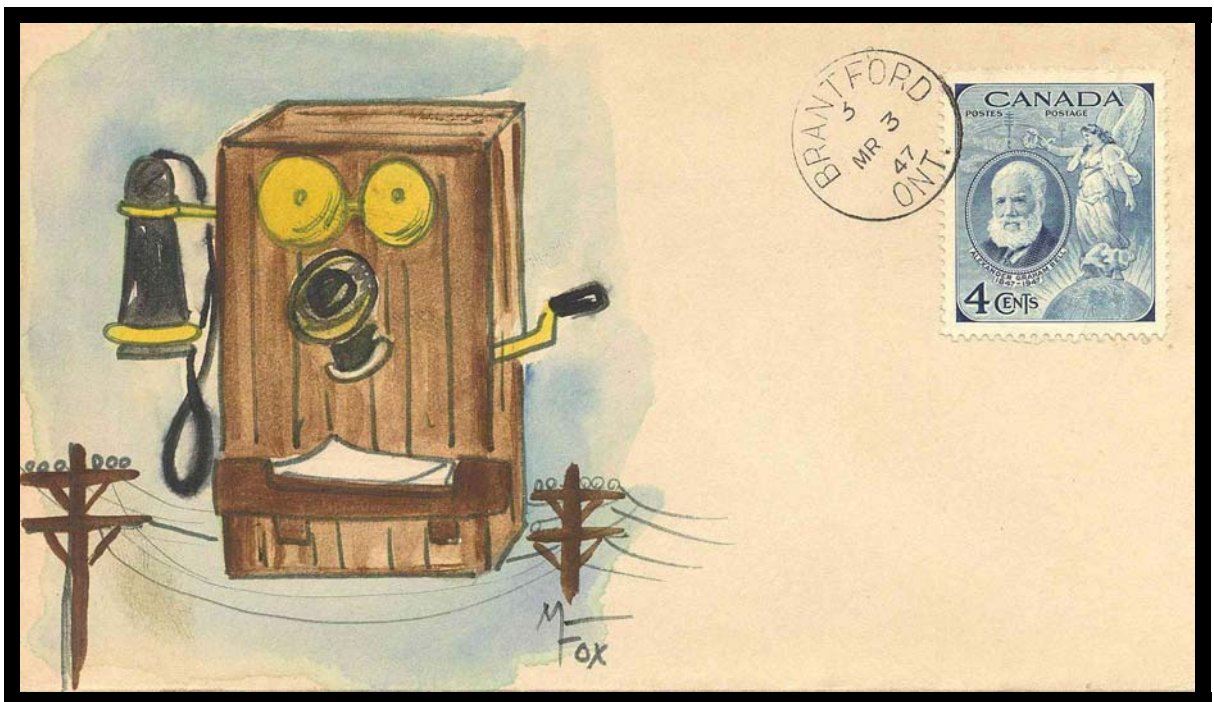


FDC No.: 274.311

Cachet By: M. Fox

Description: Here is a hand-painted cachet showing an animated old-time telephone along with the wires strung between two poles.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.401.02

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This is the basic City of Brantford all-over cachet with the City's seal but no other sponsor's name appearing in the clouds above that. There is no label on the reverse and the invention of the telephone is given as 1873.

Photo:

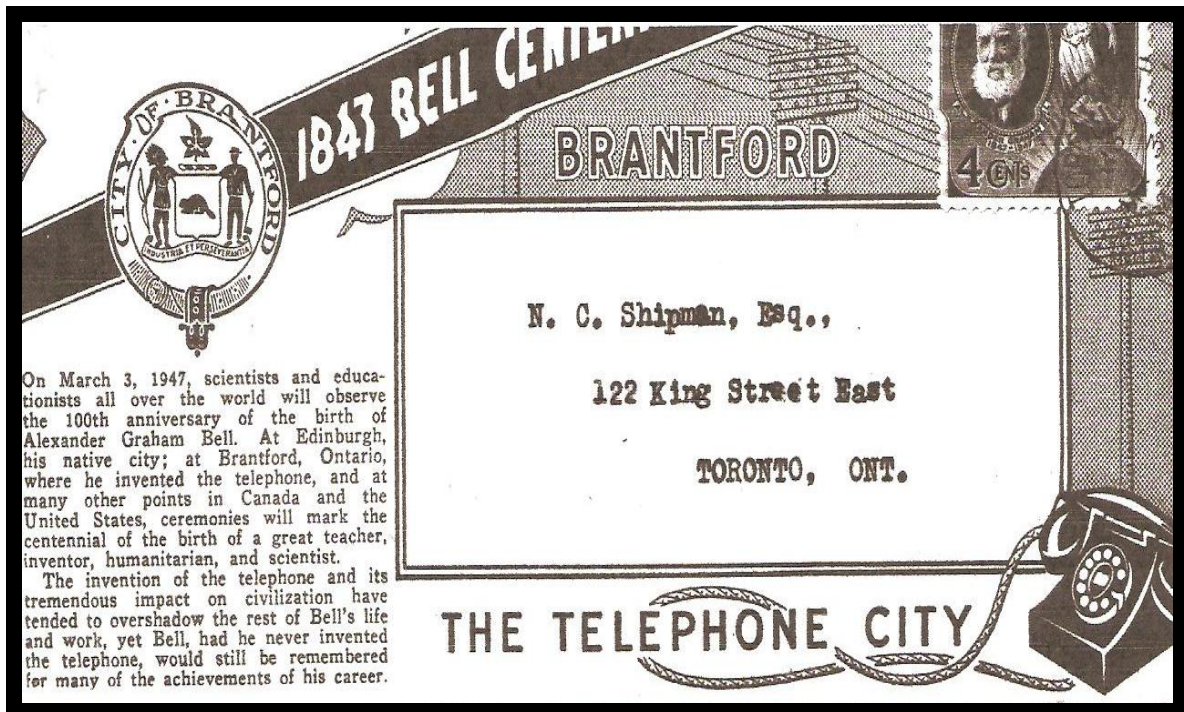


FDC No.: 274.401.03

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This version of the basic City of Brantford cachet has no label on the reverse side, and the date of the telephone's invention is given as 1874.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.401.04

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This basic Brantford cachet has a cut-and-pasted portrait of Bell on the front in place of the City's coat of arms.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.02

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This version of the City cachet was sponsored by A. G. Spalding & Bros., makers of athletic equipment.

Photo:

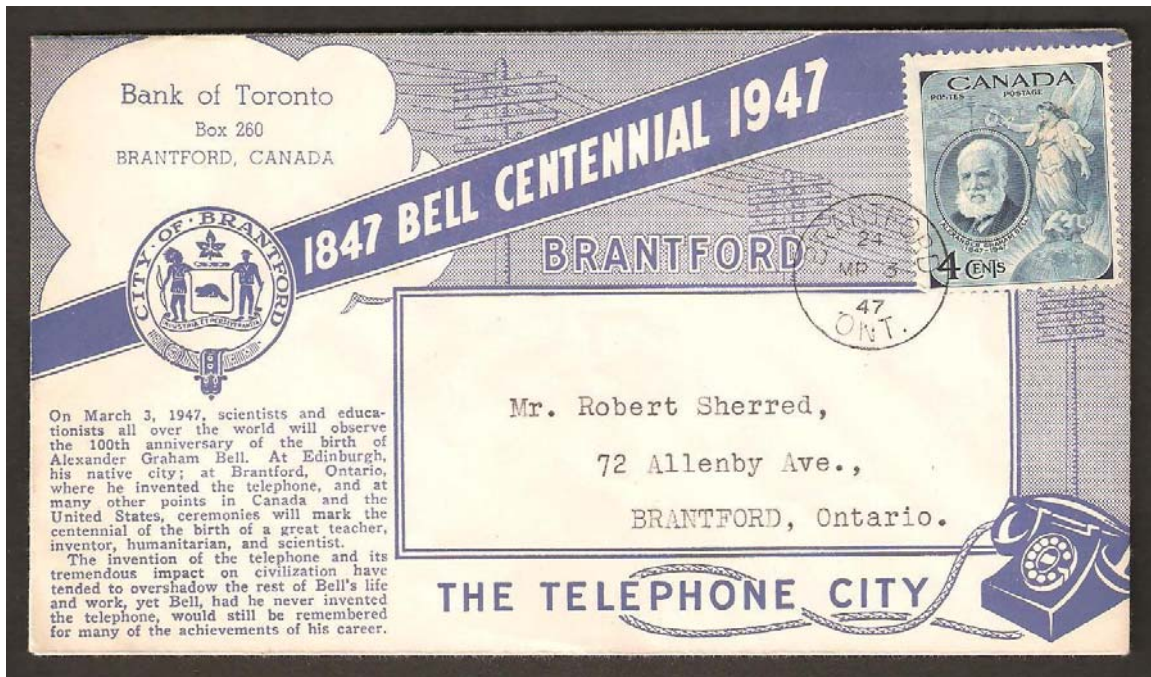


FDC No.: 274.402.04

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This version of the City of Brantford cachet was sponsored by the Bank of Toronto, with its return address appearing in the text portion of the cloud.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.08

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by the Brant Hotel.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.11

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by Brantford Stationers.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

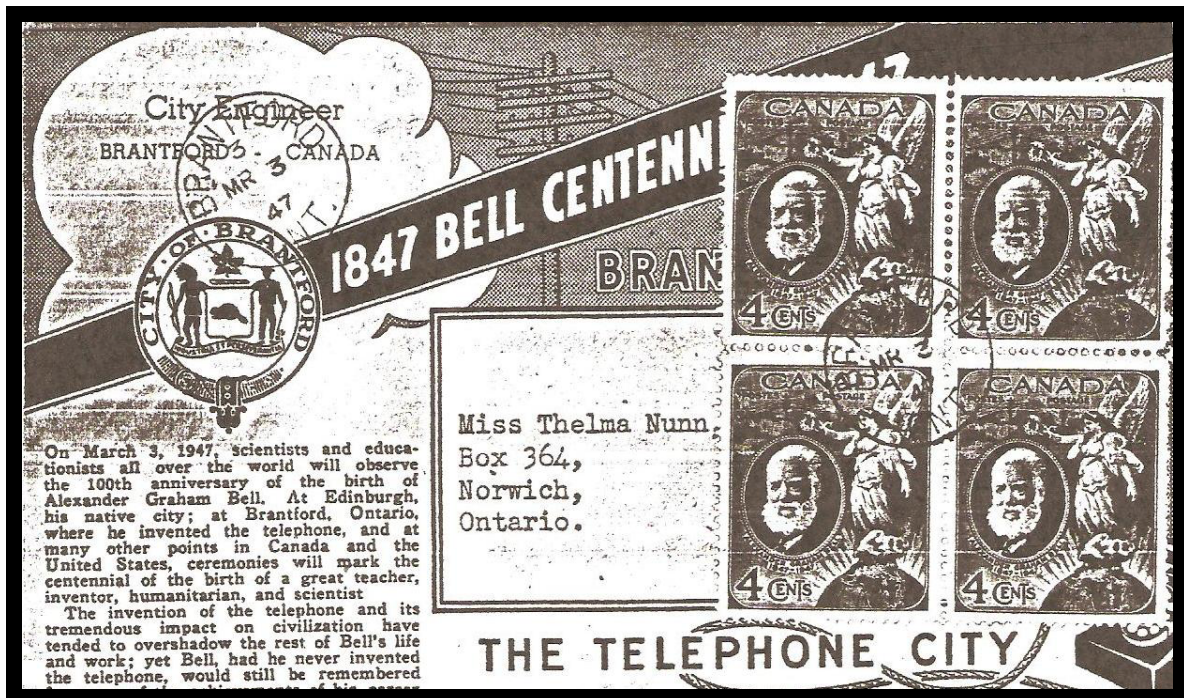


FDC No.: 274.402.15

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cover was sponsored by the City Engineer of Brantford.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

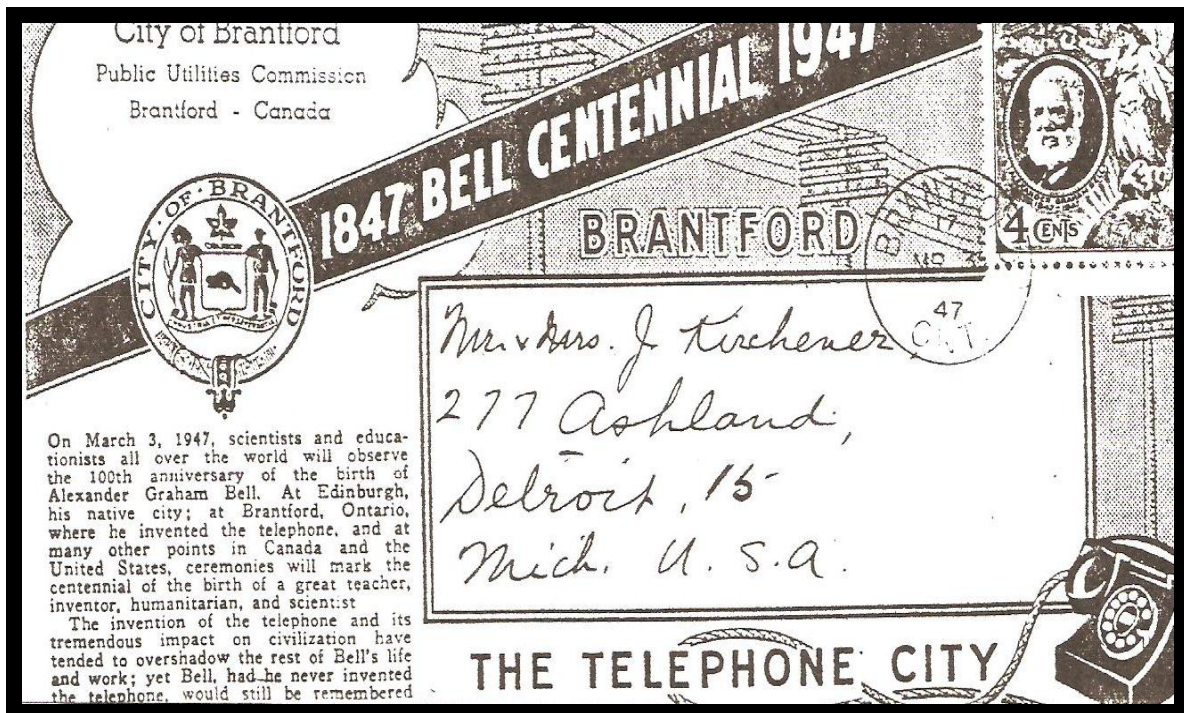


FDC No.: 274.402.17

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: The City of Brantford Public Utilities Commission was the sponsor of this cachet.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

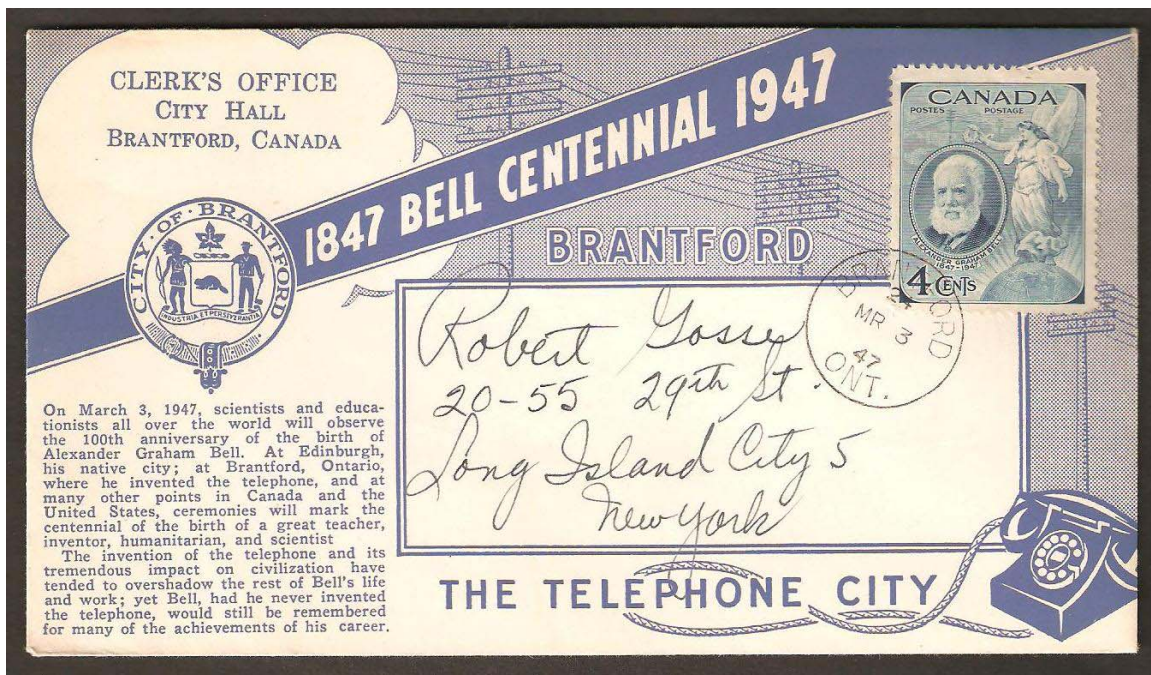


FDC No.: 274.402.18

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by the Clerk's Office at City Hall, Brantford. It is one of the few cachets that show the invention of the telephone in 1873 on the back of the cover.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.19

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cover was sponsored by the Cockshutt Plow Co. Limited.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.402.21

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: The sponsor of this cachet was the General News and Novelty Company.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.24

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: The Hamilton Philatelic Society sponsored this version of the City cachet, with the Society's name appearing in red. The Society may be the only non-Brantford based sponsor of a Bell centennial cachet.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.25

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: J. S. Hamilton & Co. sponsored this cachet.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.30

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: Here is a cachet sponsored by National Grocers Co. Ltd.

Photo:

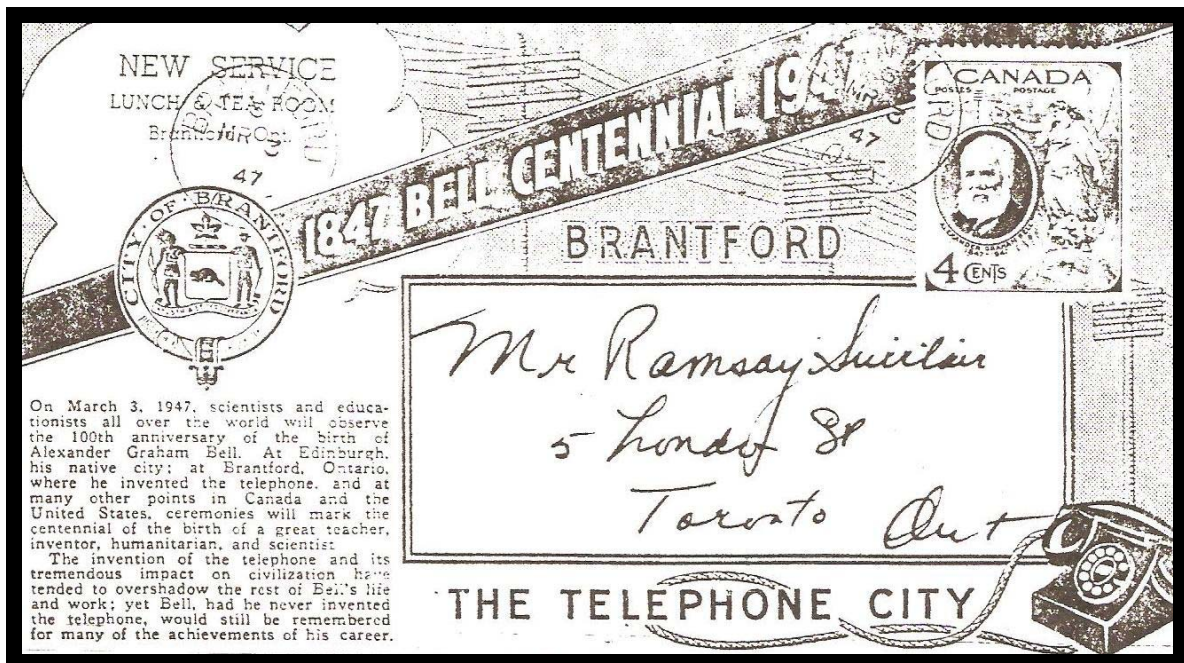


FDC No.: 274.402.32

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: The sponsor of this cachet was "New Service Lunch and Tea Room" of Brantford.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.402.37

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: Ruddy Freeborn Co. used its cloud to present an advertising message.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.39

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by Sherman's Merchandise Sales.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.40

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by Slingsby Manufacturing.

Photo:

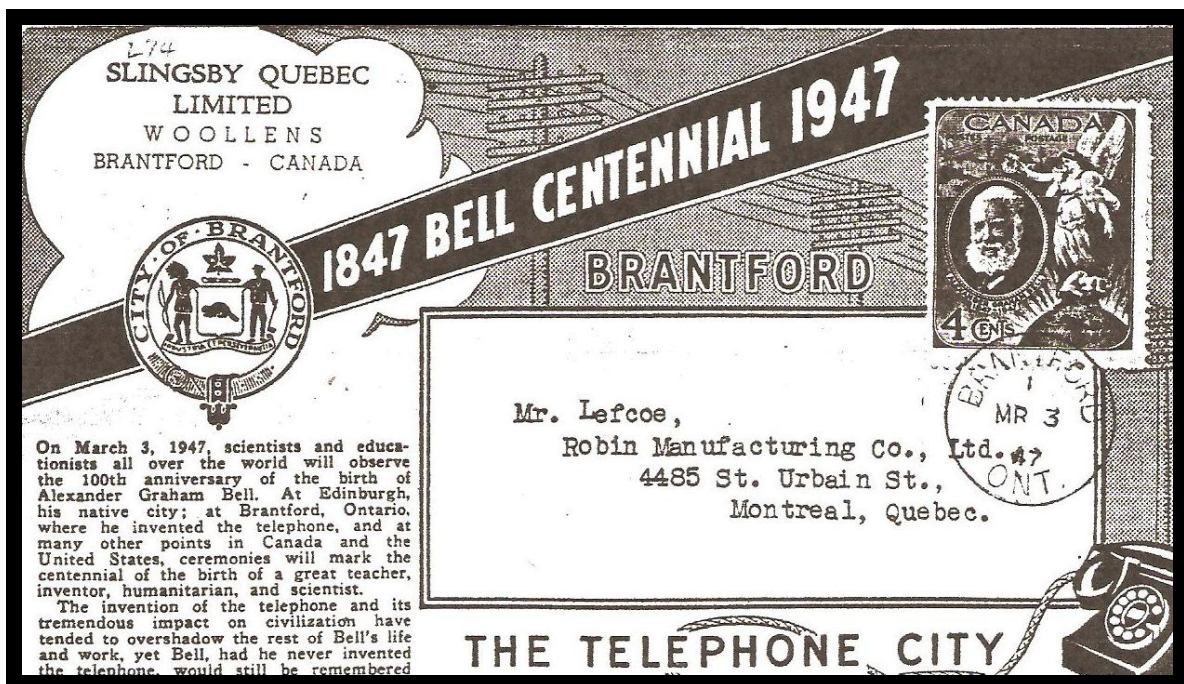


FDC No.: 274.402.41

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: This cachet was sponsored by Slingsby Quebec.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.

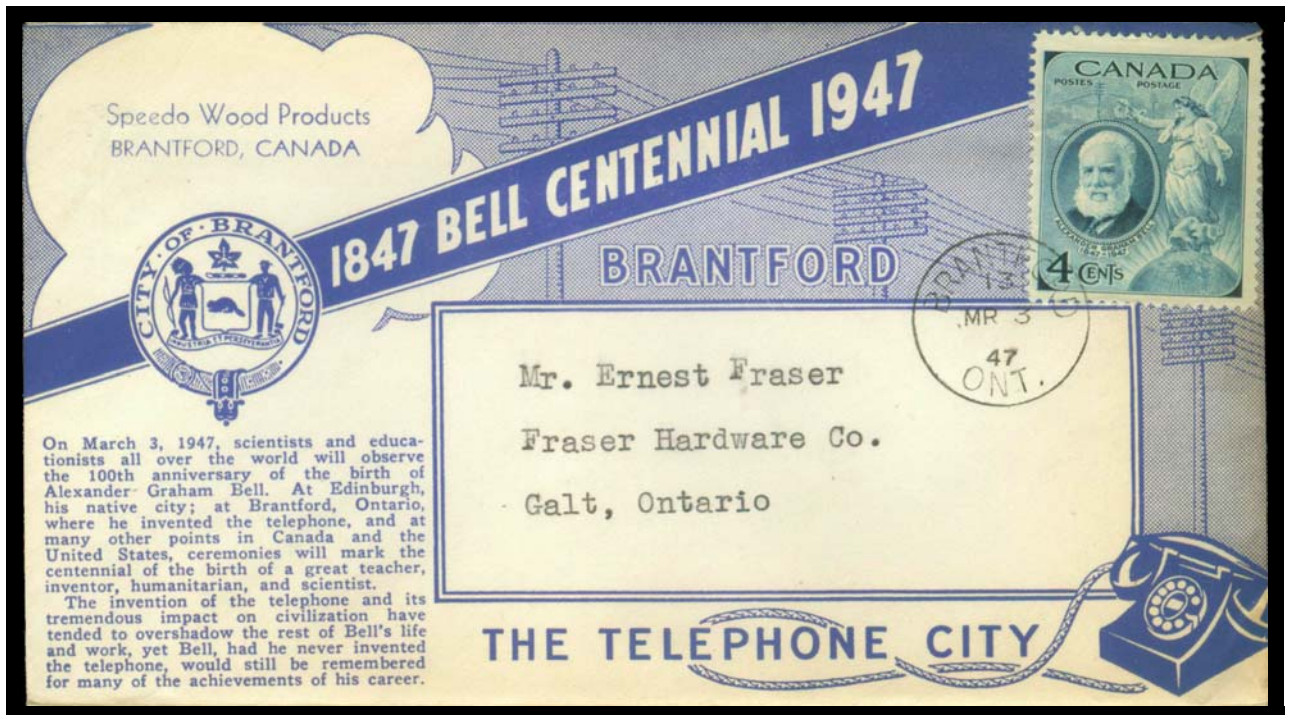


FDC No.: 274.402.42

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: Here is a cachet sponsored by Speedo Wood Products.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.43

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: The Treasury Department at City Hall sponsored this variation of the City cachet.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.402.46

Cachet By: City of Brantford

Description: Wolverine Cement Co. was the sponsor of this cachet.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.501.01

Cachet By: William H. Talbot

Description: This is an adaptation for the Bell issue of a general purpose Talbot cachet. It features a multi-coloured Canadian Coat of Arms with "First Day Cover" beneath it. Additional text reads, "Commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth/ of Alexander Graham Bell, March 3rd, 1947." Note that the top line of text is longer than the bottom line. The cover is a larger size, 102 x 190 mm, than the next one.

Photo:

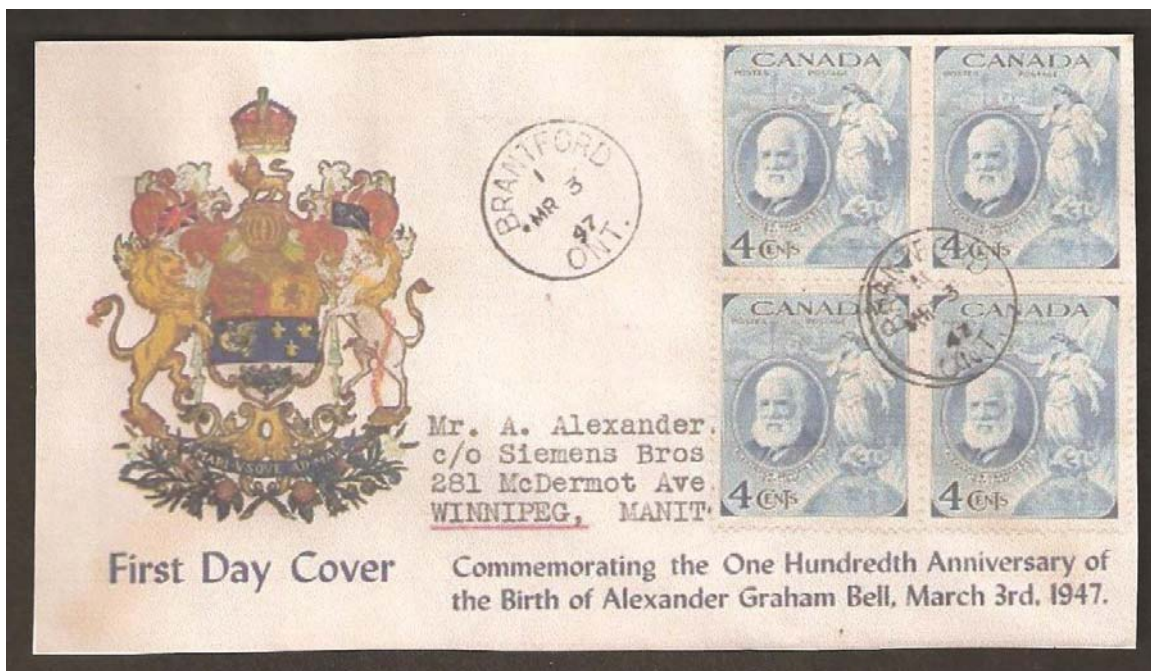


FDC No.: 274.501.02

Cachet By: William H. Talbot

Description: This cachet is identical with the previous one except that the two lines of text are equal in length and the envelope is smaller.

Photo: This is a second-generation scan.



FDC No.: 274.502

Cachet By: Possibly Ivon Garcia.

Description: This cachet consists of a red reproduction of the Bell stamp, with
"DAY OF ISSUE COVER" indicated at the bottom.

Photo:

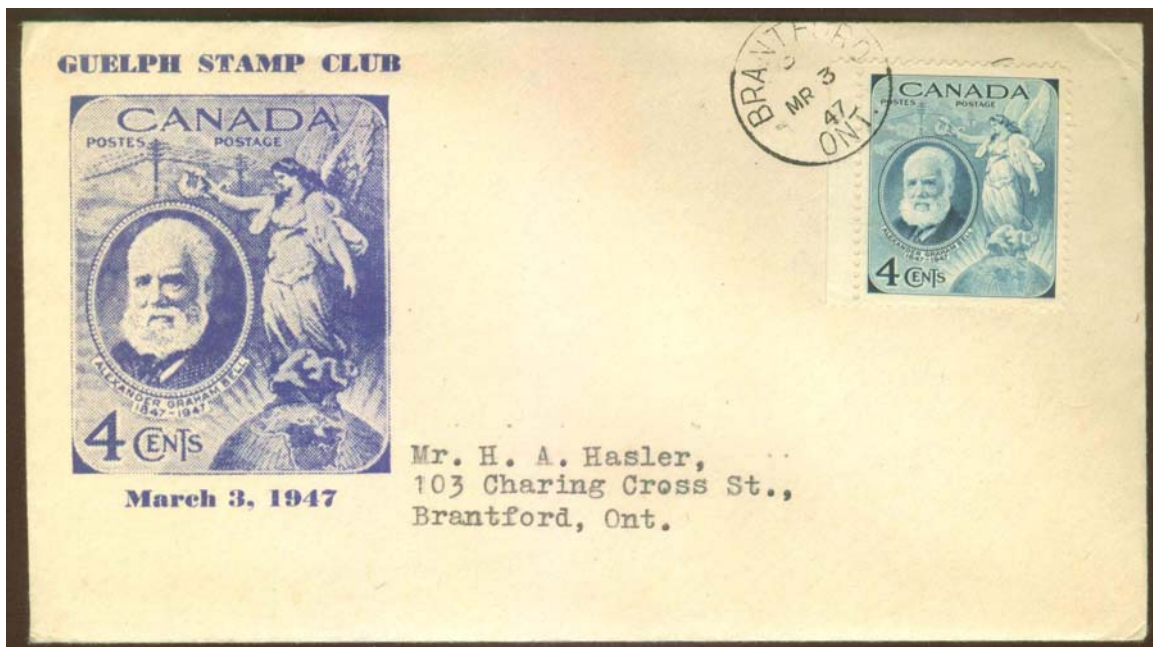


FDC No.: 274.503

Cachet By: Guelph Stamp Club

Description: This cachet features a blue reproduction of the Bell stamp, with "GUELPH STAMP CLUB" at the top of the design and "March 3, 1947" at the bottom.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.504

Cachet By: Ross Eng

Description: Here is a red cachet featuring the Statue of Liberty standing on a box. The text at the top of the design reads, "HEROES OF PEACE" while the text within the box says, "1947/ INVENTOR." A banner runs horizontally through the middle of the box with the writing, "1847 Alexander Graham Bell 1922," while the printing, "FIRST DAY COVER" appears below the box. In very small type below the box is the legend, "Ross Eng. Co. NY 39."

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photograph in a periodical.

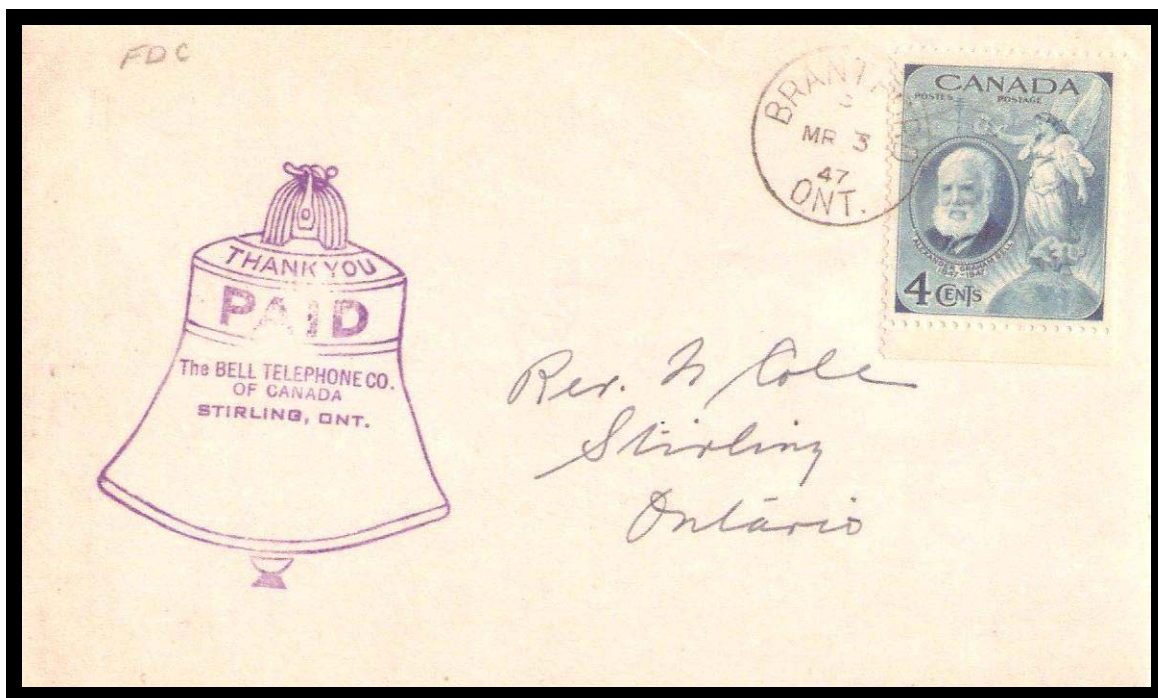


FDC No.: 274.505

Cachet By: Unknown

Description: This purple cachet uses a Bell Telephone Company "Paid" stamp from the Stirling, Ontario office as the basis for a FDC.

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.506.01

Cachet By: Michael Sanders

Description: This blue and orange-brown cachet shows an early version of the telephone and a portrait of the younger Bell against the backdrop of a maple leaf. "First Day of Issue" appears below the leaf while within it is the text, "Canada honors the/ One Hundredth/ Anniversary of/ the birth of/ Alexander Graham Bell."

Photo:



FDC No.: 274.506.02

Cachet By: Michael Sanders

Description: This cachet has a design identical to the previous one, but the colours are purple and bronze.

Photo:

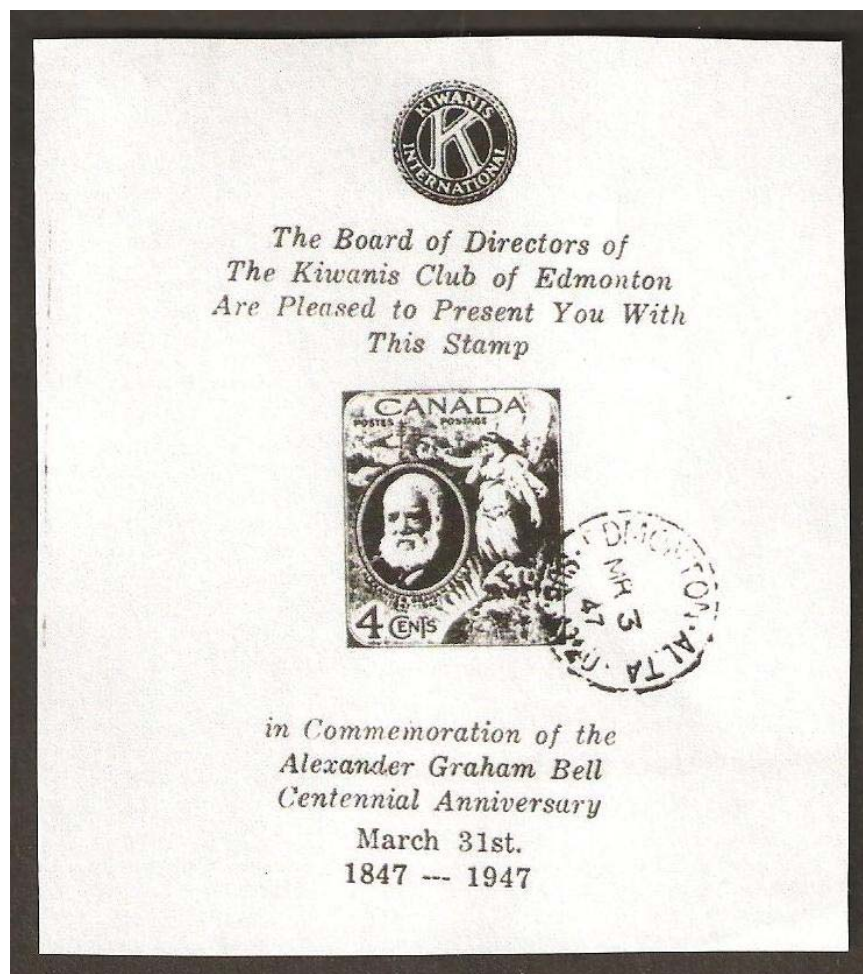


FDC No.: 274.507

Cachet By: Kiwanis Edmonton

Description: A blue card was presented by the Kiwanis Club as a souvenir of the Bell commemorative. The card was franked with the Bell stamp and postmarked Edmonton. The text reads as follows: The Board of Directors of/ The Kiwanis Club of Edmonton/ Are Please to Present You With/ This Stamp/ in Commemoration of the/ Alexander Graham Bell/ Centennial Anniversary/ March 31st./ 1847—1947.”

Photo: This is a second-generation scan of a black and white photo.



FDC No.: 274.508

Cachet By: Brantford Coach and Body

Description: This cachet is on a commercial #10 envelope of the Brantford Coach and Body Limited. At centre left is the wording, "FIRST/ DAY/ COVER" with a telephone beneath it. Across the bottom of the envelope is the wording, "1847—ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL—CENTENNIAL—1947."

Photo:

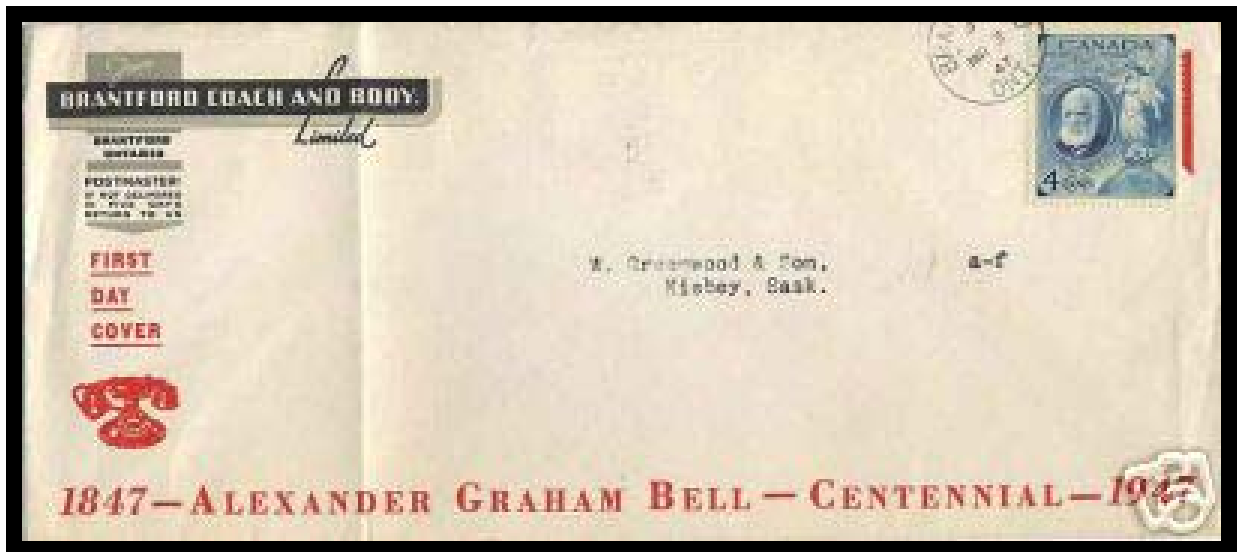
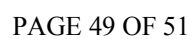


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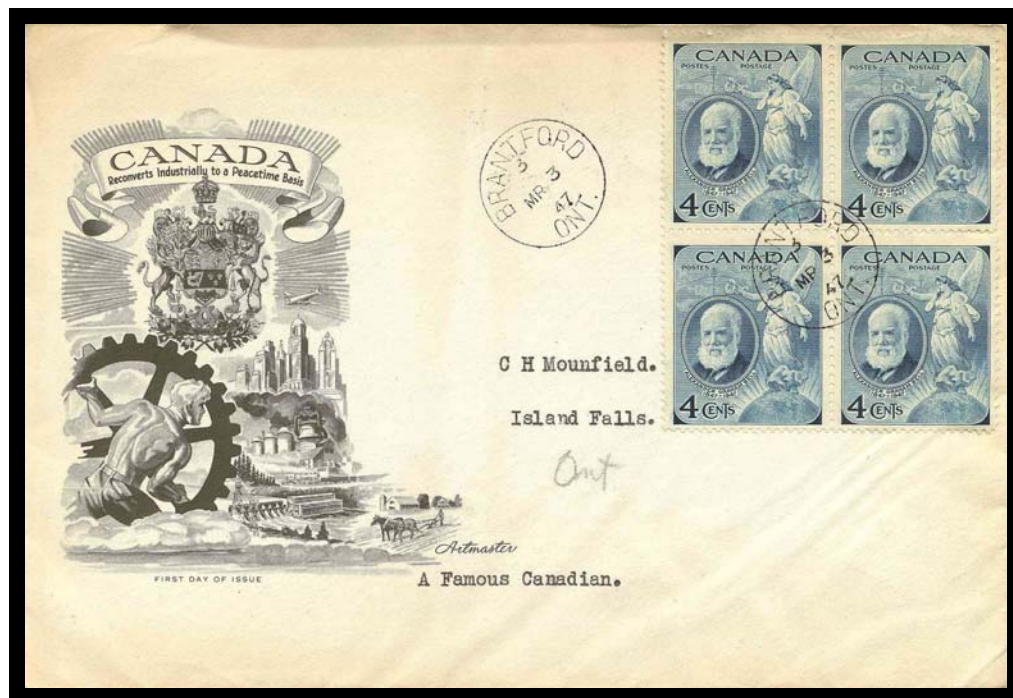


FDC No.: 274.509.02

Cachet By: Artmaster

Description: The cachet design on this cover is the same as on the previous cover, however, the envelope is a larger size.

Photo:



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