

## **We have just acquired an office - actually two - we need a good telephone system**

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*Old telephone systems in Canada*

We have just acquired an office. Actually two. You really wouldn't believe the prices! But what can you do? We spent so much time looking.

The major reason for taking the office was that there was telephone facility - a good facility with only one other person using the phone. Most offices -- really I was amazed -- have 6 or 7 or 10 people, in small offices, all using the same phone. And they are all squashed into small cubicles -- 4' x 4' are the smallest, to a little larger. The commercial building in which we are located has literally hundreds or thousands of such small offices. I couldn't believe the sight as the agent took me around looking for a space.

I'm becoming really quite fascinated at the running of this country -- its development and comparison to what I know from my earlier years. In most ways I would say, yes, it really is a developing country. It has lots of problems, but lots of area for advancement. You can start a business, almost any business, easily, and make it succeed. If you are smart, you can become quite rich, it seems to me. But then there are lots of troubles at that point! I imagine it is something like the U.S.A. must have been 100 or so years ago, or perhaps like the early 1900's.

At first I think the way they go about doing things is really strange and backwards. But then I realize that at first I also did things like that. And probably in America it was like that, only I never saw that period. A small example. A secretary makes a mistake and forgets to put in the address because she couldn't read someone's code marks. In any office I ever worked in, in that situation, you automatically take out the paper and start again -- so that it is correct. Never mind the work, but it must be correct. But here she is telling her boss that there's no space. Also, typographical errors are quite common on legal papers! Strange, huh?

It's also a funny combination of not trusting anyone, and on the other hand, trusting just like a child with so much. It's no wonder that almost everyone in business has had the experience of being cheated. When I become a little more acquainted with the situation I would like to write about it. I also would like to study the development of civilization.