



This has been a year of waiting in the Proulx household. As we move our business to a new location, we've been waiting for Hydro, waiting for the Internet, waiting for installers, and so on. In the modern era of instant gratification, all that waiting sure took it's toll! It even makes it hard to write a letter this year, because most of you don't have to wait for the Christmas letter to know what we've been up to; you can just find out on Facebook right away!

It's also hard to write a letter because everything we have done has happened in-between times. We never knew when any of the things we were waiting for would finally happen, so we've spent most of the year not being able to plan anything beyond the next few days. That means we have none of our usual camping travels or adventures to write about. That's OK though, because we sure have been enjoying our nice new house! After some waiting time at the business site, we'd go home to our "resort", including every night in the hot tub!

For more about the Business fun, this quote from Bitmint Canada President (Rej):

"Now that I am retired I got to work with the worst company in the world: Hydro Quebec. They get it all wrong, but it is possible to sort them out. The thing that is the most frustrating about them is that they are all nice people. They work hard to get things sorted out to the limit of their authority, but it takes more than one of them to make things happen, so it takes a lot of calls. The good thing is that people in India don't speak French so their whole support staff is in Quebec. I am waiting for them to move it to Africa, then I won't understand their French. Now their latest frustration is that they moved all the residential to smart metres, so they got rid of the metre reading staff. They estimated our metre reading so they want \$2,300.000 for 3 weeks electricity. We quickly learned how to read an industrial metre! They also classified us incorrectly. So the actual bill should be much lower.

I won't even complain about Bell Canada. They are too terrible to deserve my wrath. We put in Rogers wireless which I did not think would work, but it does and it works very well."

And, this story about our Old Trailer:

“When in Quebec at the business site, we live in our trailer. It went well until the holding tank in our trailer developed a slow leak in a long crack. The tank is very thin plastic so all the experts tell me it can't be fixed. No one makes that kind of tank anymore so it cannot be replaced. We decided to put a tank on the ground and connect it, but first the old tank had to be removed... well!

Albert, Cathie's father quickly volunteered so I told him that I emptied the old one... to tell the truth I did the best I could. It had very little liquid in it. When Albert crawled under there and started to remove the tank, I found out that I did not do as good a job of emptying as I thought I did. If any one tells you that Albert is full of it, they would have been right that day. He was one shitty guy! Fortunately for him his sense of smell is nonexistent. I could not stand to be within 10 feet of him. And we do not have a shower there. Poor Albert did not stay long! He did not even want to eat which never happens. He must love his daughter. I hope he drove home with the windows open. It is an hour and a half drive.”

Other than that, life has gone on; we haven't been able to get back to Toronto to visit anyone, but some of you have traveled to Ottawa to see us! We've been spending more time than ever with family, thanks to so many of them being local or nearly local. We may be in Ottawa now, but we still watched the Blue Jays play with much excitement. We also watched the Grey Cup. Now we have two cities we could cheer for, and both of them lost!

So as the year draws to a close, we wait for Christmas, and to see what next year will bring. Merry Christmas everyone!

Samuel, Rej, and Cathie

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:2)

