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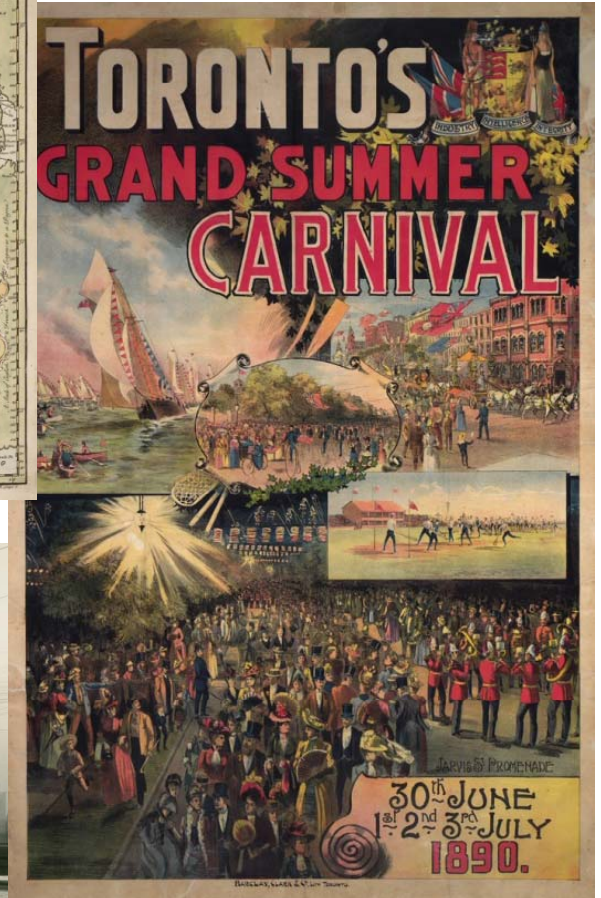
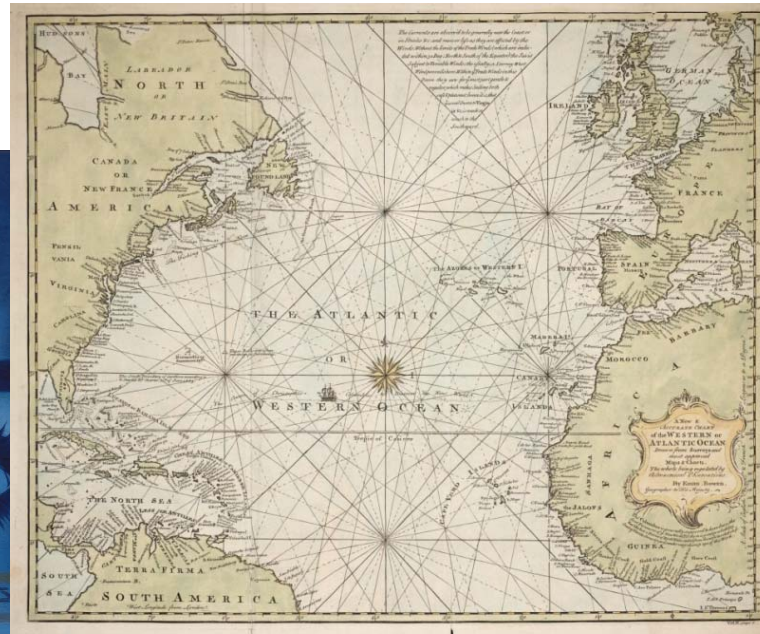
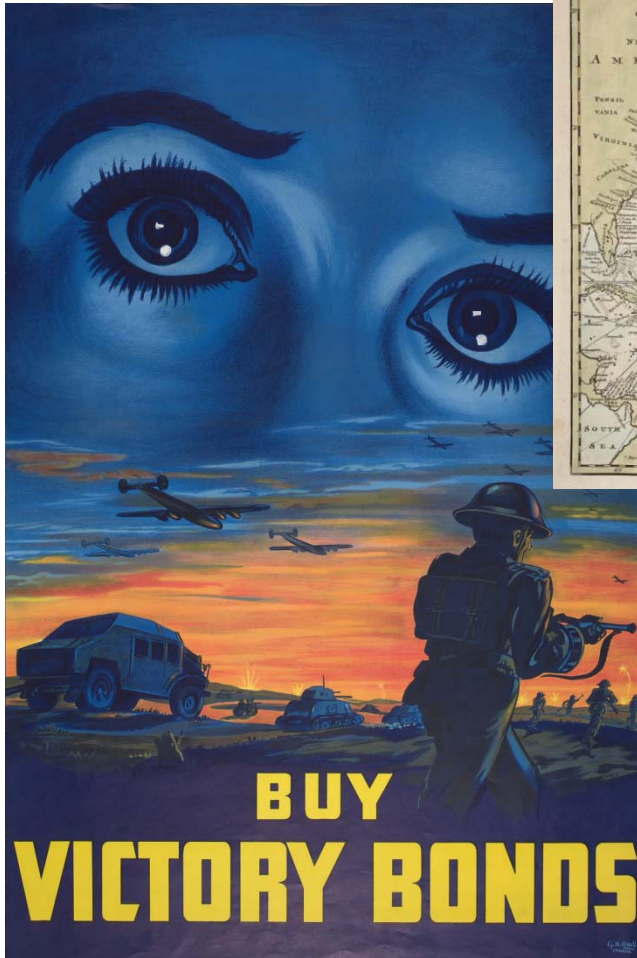
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**Arnie Williamson** Without hydraulics, I wonder how they dumped the snow from the wagon  
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**Barbara MacFarlane von Gemmingen** My grandpa used to work for the city driving the horses and clearing the streets  
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**Laura Smith Scrivener**

8 February

How lucky were we to have machinery to take care of snow removal! Can you imagine??? We complain about shovelling our own driveways and the sidewalks out front! Thanks [Mary Rae](#) for sharing this photo.

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**Chuk Plante** There's some great old pictures from Montreal. They used to shovel the snow into the middle of the street and create an elevated surface that the carriages would then drive on.  
<http://spacing.ca/montreal/2012/02/26/where-have-all->





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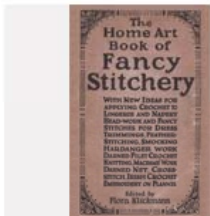
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My latest blog post - A review of knitting history books, a pet-able alpaca, and info about the discovery of the object that inspired one of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories.

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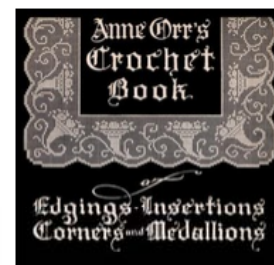
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## "Voyage to America" Portfolio

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## Comments and faves

[Jack1962](#) [pro](#) (4 months ago)

From Anna Jameson's book "SKETCHES IN CANADA, AND RAMBLES AMONG THE RED MEN":

In August, 1837, during her canoe journey from Sault Ste. Marie to Toronto, Anna B. Jameson passed through the narrow channel between George Island and the mainland, where the present day town of Killarney is located. This is how she described this event:

*"About sunset, we came to the hut of a fur-trader, whose name I think, was Lemorondiere. It was on the shore of a beautiful channel running between the mainland and a large island. On a neighboring point, Wai,sow,win,de,bay (the Yellow-head) and his people were building their wigwams for the night. The appearance was most picturesque, particularly when the camp fires were lighted and the night came on."*

The above sketch depicts, I believe, this even, as well as it's probably the earliest rendition of Killarney Channel.

★ [Jack1962](#) added this photo to his favorites. (4 months ago)

[Toronto Public Library Special Collections](#) [pro](#) (4 months ago)

Thank you for that, Jack. If you are looking to read it online on an e-reader on your travels, follow this link to a downloadable PDF of Anna Jameson's book [Sketches in Canada, and rambles among the red men](#).





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" James, h 275 Dovercourt rd.

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" Elizabeth (wid John), h 48 Nassau.

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" Henry, lab, h 10 McMurrich.

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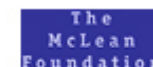


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Let us take a ship to  
Nova Scotia and  
avoid all the hazards  
lurking in the woods.



Click map for route from New  
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Let us go to Quebec.  
The boat trips will be  
shorter. We are  
healthy and can handle  
a few days of walking.



Click map for route from New  
York to Québec



New York City - September 1783

| ?



30<sup>th</sup>

Day very dull speaking to the Prince - nearly every day either by mouth or by flag & when misty - firing guns - Evening

was getting rough - My Cabin before 12.0.0.

rough - My Cabin before 12.0.0.



A little after 12. I found myself so



I went to bed at 11. was in a semicomatose state until 12 when a heavy sea came and pitched my legs out of bed I felt something

#### Binnacle

The Binnacle was an elevated stand which held the compass. In modern times, the binnacle would be bolted permanently to the deck, but in 1857, the binnacle was likely a tall wooden box which seems to have come loose in the rough seas described by Dr. Smith.



# FROZEN OCEAN

## SEARCH FOR THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE

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### Introduction

From the time of Columbus, the American continent was seen by Europeans as a barrier between Europe and the Orient. A passage through it was the prime object of many voyages of exploration. Magellan had sailed around South America in 1520, but the icy northern shores were mysterious and seemed unassailable.

The search for a sea route across the top of North America began in the 16th century as a commercial venture sponsored by London merchants. By the 19th century it was obvious that a Northwest Passage would not be a useful seaway, but finding it became an obsession, as did the attainment of the North Pole late in the century.

Early voyages to the Arctic were as hazardous as voyages to the moon, and captured the popular imagination as space travel does today. Although characterized by courage and single-mindedness, the explorers were often ill prepared for Arctic conditions. The hardships and suffering faced by the crews are difficult to imagine.

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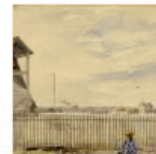


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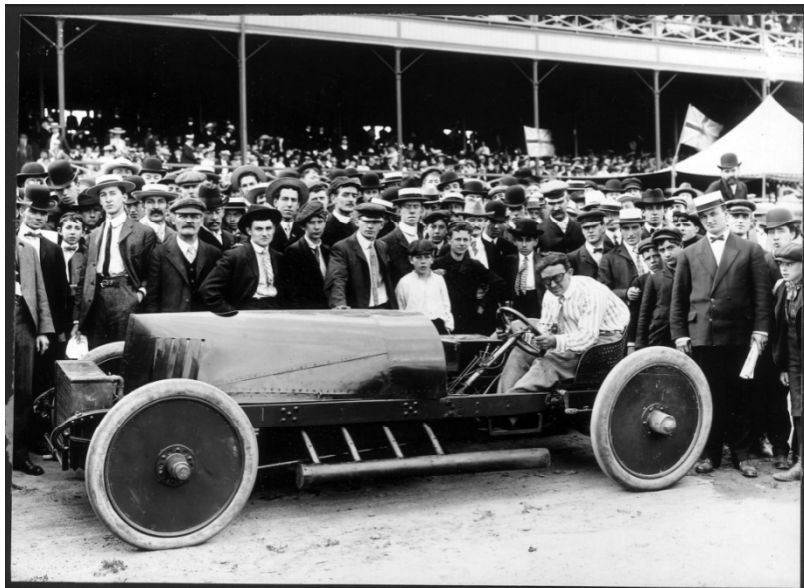
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AV R. P. HIEROSME LALEMANT,  
Superieur des Missions de la Compagnie de  
IESVS, en la Nouvelle France.

Pax Christi.



MON R. PERE,

Cette Relation que j'adresse à vostre Reuerence, luy fera voir les progresz de la Foy sur ces peuples, plus notables que iamais ils n'auoient esté par le passé. Et en suite la desolation de ces Pays, dans le temps

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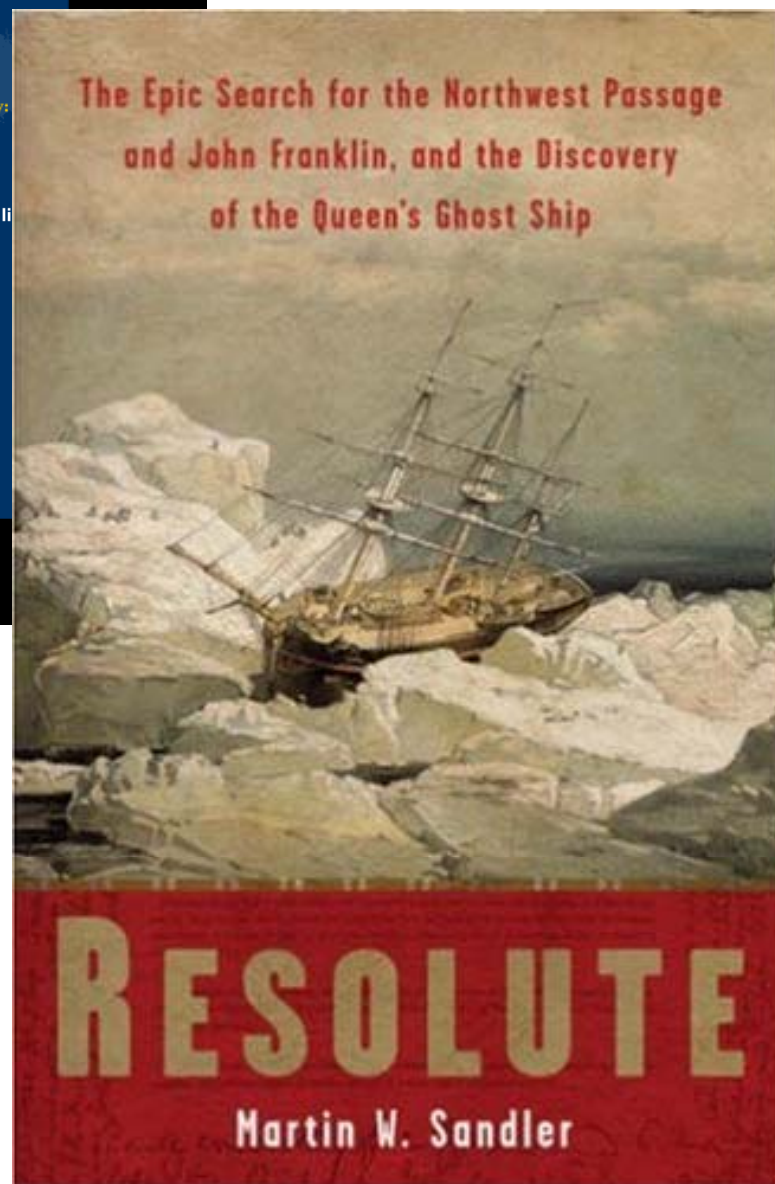
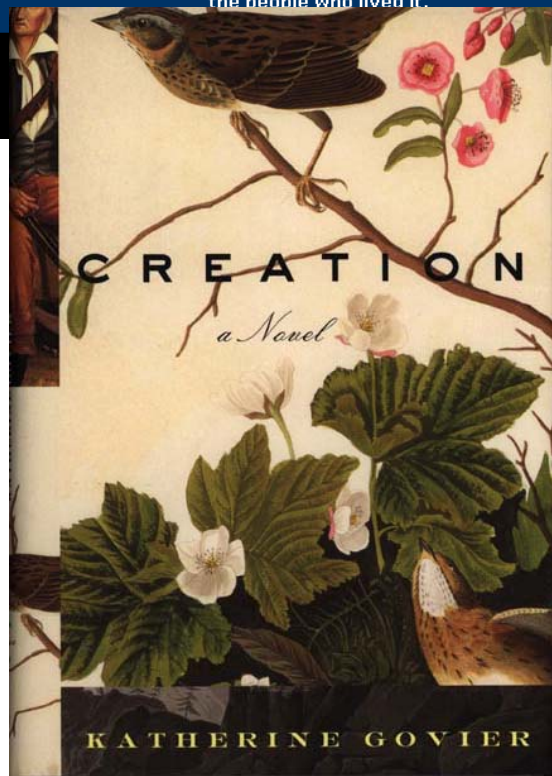


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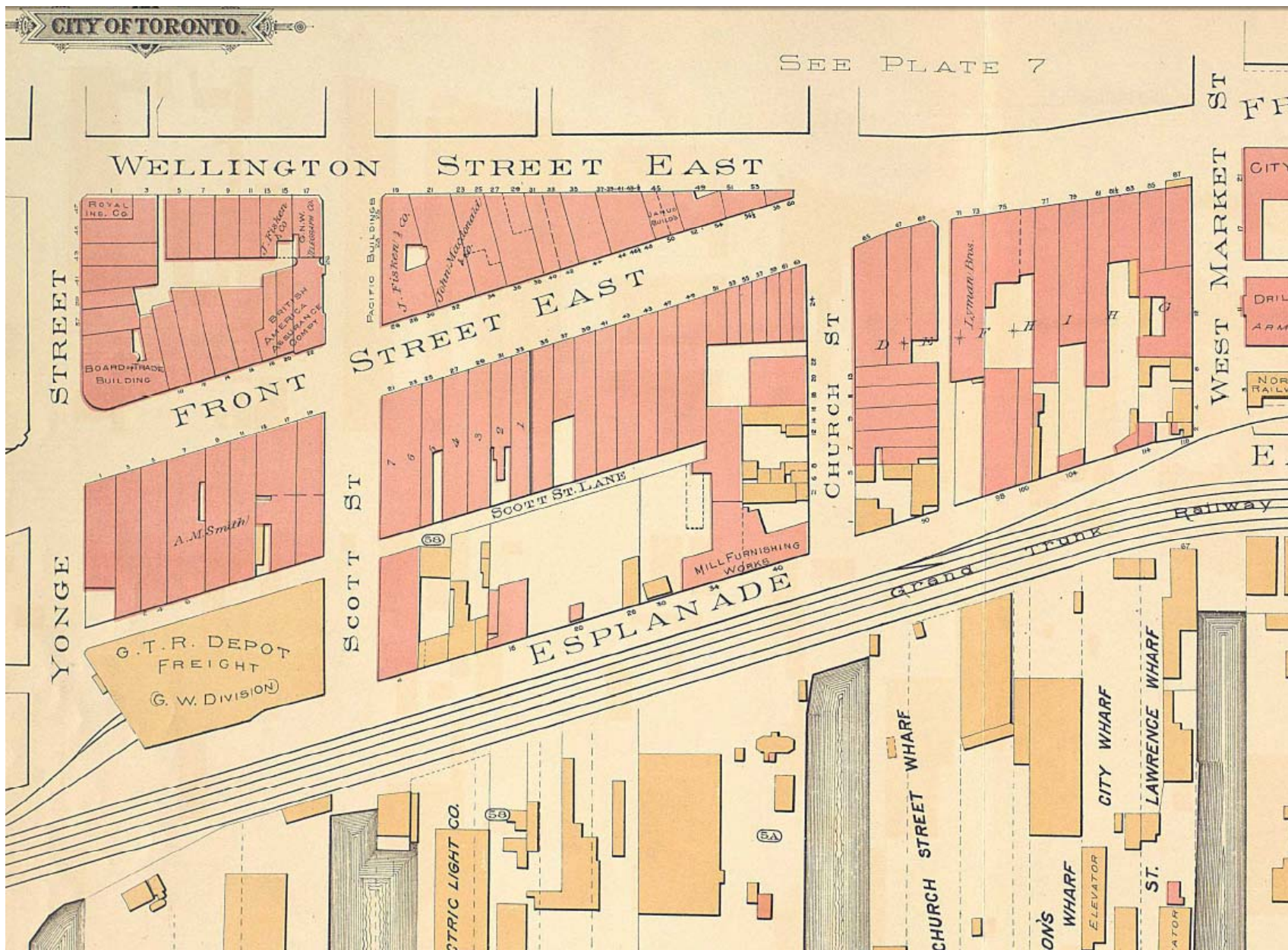
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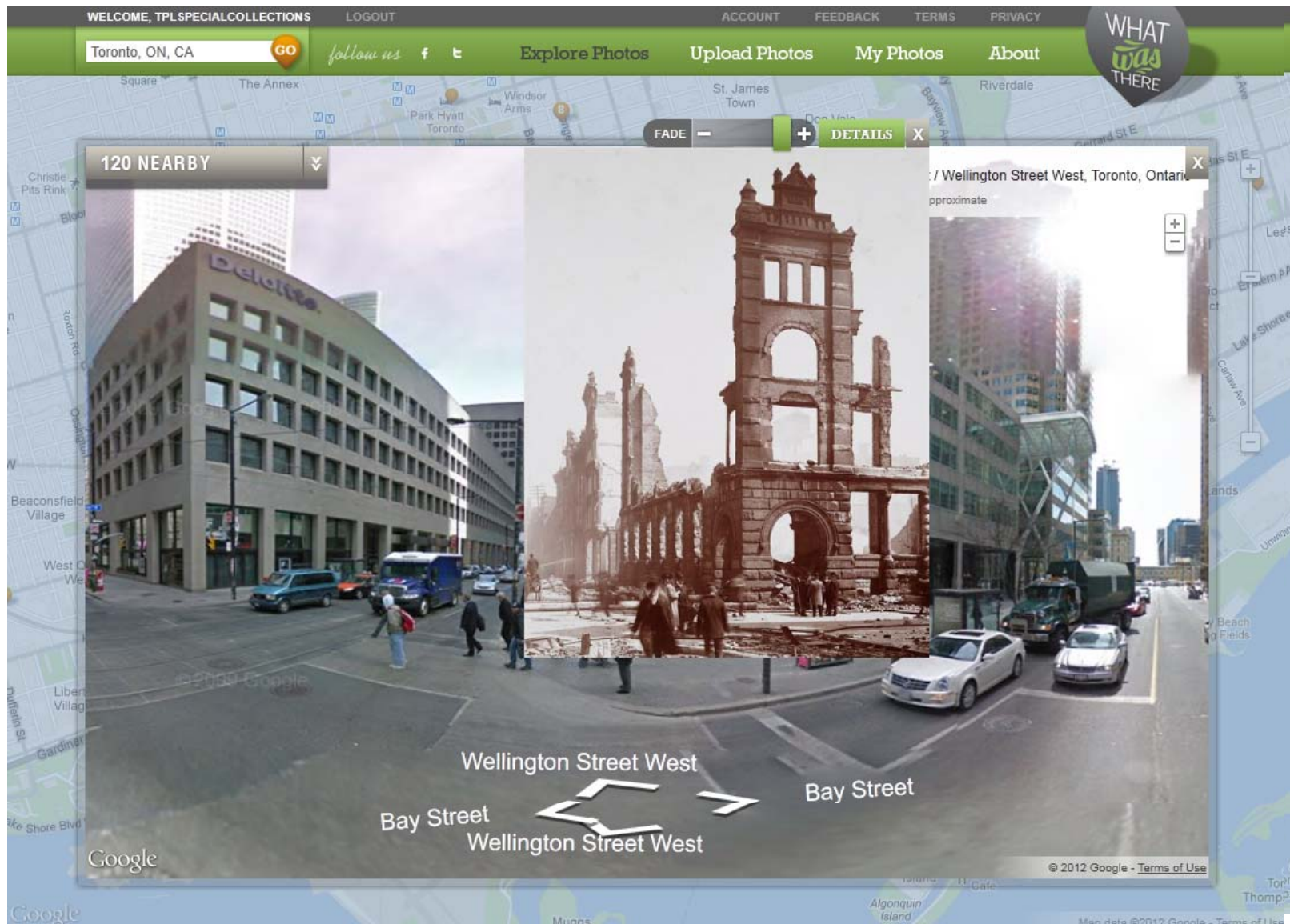






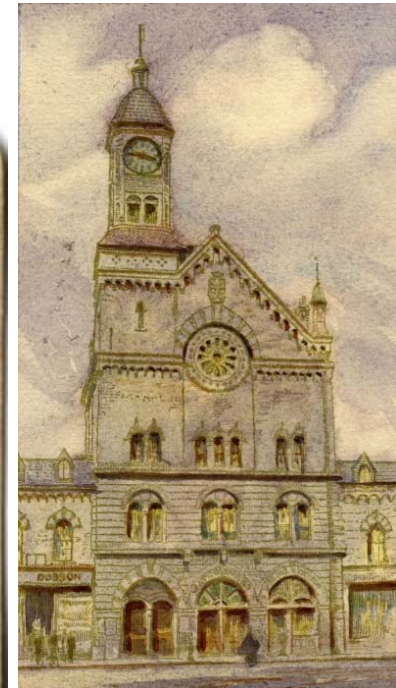


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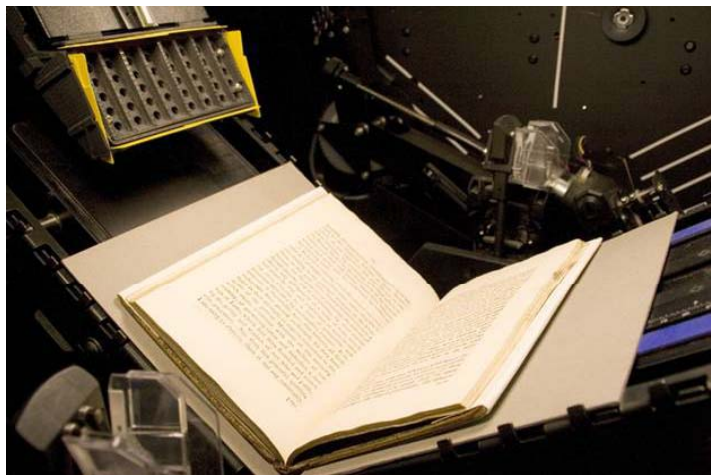
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