

Best of Digital BC

Digitization Around the Province



BCLA Conference
April 8, 2011

Outline

- West Beyond the West
 - BC Digitization Coalition
 - Search Portal and related services
- Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
 - BC History Digitization Program
- Provincial initiatives
- Digitization issues

Why we digitize

- Create awareness around unique local collections
- Create profile and awareness of our organizations
- Engage our user communities
- Tell the story of BC to the world
- [History, Digitized \(and Abridged\) NYT, March 11, 2007](#)

2008 Digitization Survey

- Most commonly digitized materials
 - photographs
 - archival documents
 - audio recordings
 - newspapers
 - maps
- Sources of funding
 - institutional budgets
 - BCHDP
- Top priorities (if money no object)
 1. photographs
 2. archival documents
 3. audio recording
 4. films/video recordings
 5. maps
 6. newspapers
 7. institutional info

BC Digitization Coalition

- Membership is cross-sector as well as cross-institutional
 - libraries
 - archives
 - museums
 - historical societies
 - education
 - UBC, UVIC, SFU, UNBC, VPL
- www.wbtw.ca



Background

- BC Digitization Symposium, December 2008
- [Final Report](#) – Key Priorities
- Organizing Committee Recommendations
 - develop informal coalition
 - create BC digitization website
 - investigate funding opportunities
 - engage user groups
 - promote provincial search portal
 - training and support for software



BC Digitization Coalition

- Key activities
 - ✓ *Advocacy* – promote digitization strategy, building partnerships and cross-sector collaborations
 - ✓ *Support* – provide information on best practices, funding opportunities and technical standards
 - ✓ *Coordination* – develop a ‘clearinghouse’ of projects and contacts to facilitate collaboration
 - ✓ *Access* – support provincial search portal and provide workshops on digital collection software

BC Digitization Coalition – current activities

- Portal Working Group
 - WBTW search portal – Canadiana.org
 - Hosting service
 - Metadata ‘wrangler’
 - *Core Services Implementation Plan*
- Community workshops – Digital Collections Builder
- Exploration of Digitization Institute with AABC and other partners

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre

- Mandate to support lifelong learning, community engagement
- Community digitization initiatives
- Coalition leadership, BCHDP, AABC funding
- Supporting small and rural communities an area of interest
- Support for multi-sector collaborations



BC History Digitization Program

- Provides matching funds, up to \$15,000 to digitize unique/local BC historical materials
- 5th year – \$900,000 dispersed to organizations to support over 100 digitization projects
- Over \$1M in matching community funding
- Materials must be described/inventoried
- Collections must be open access
- 2009 BCLA Program & Services Award
- <http://www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/ps/BCDigitInfo.html>

Victoria's Early History

- University of Victoria Libraries
- <http://library.uvic.ca/site/lib/dig/veh.html>



Empress Hotel before 1910 addition, University of Victoria Archives, Frank and Cecilia Sylvester family fonds, AR 281, 1908.

OPENING

OF NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

BRITISH COLUMBIA.



1895.

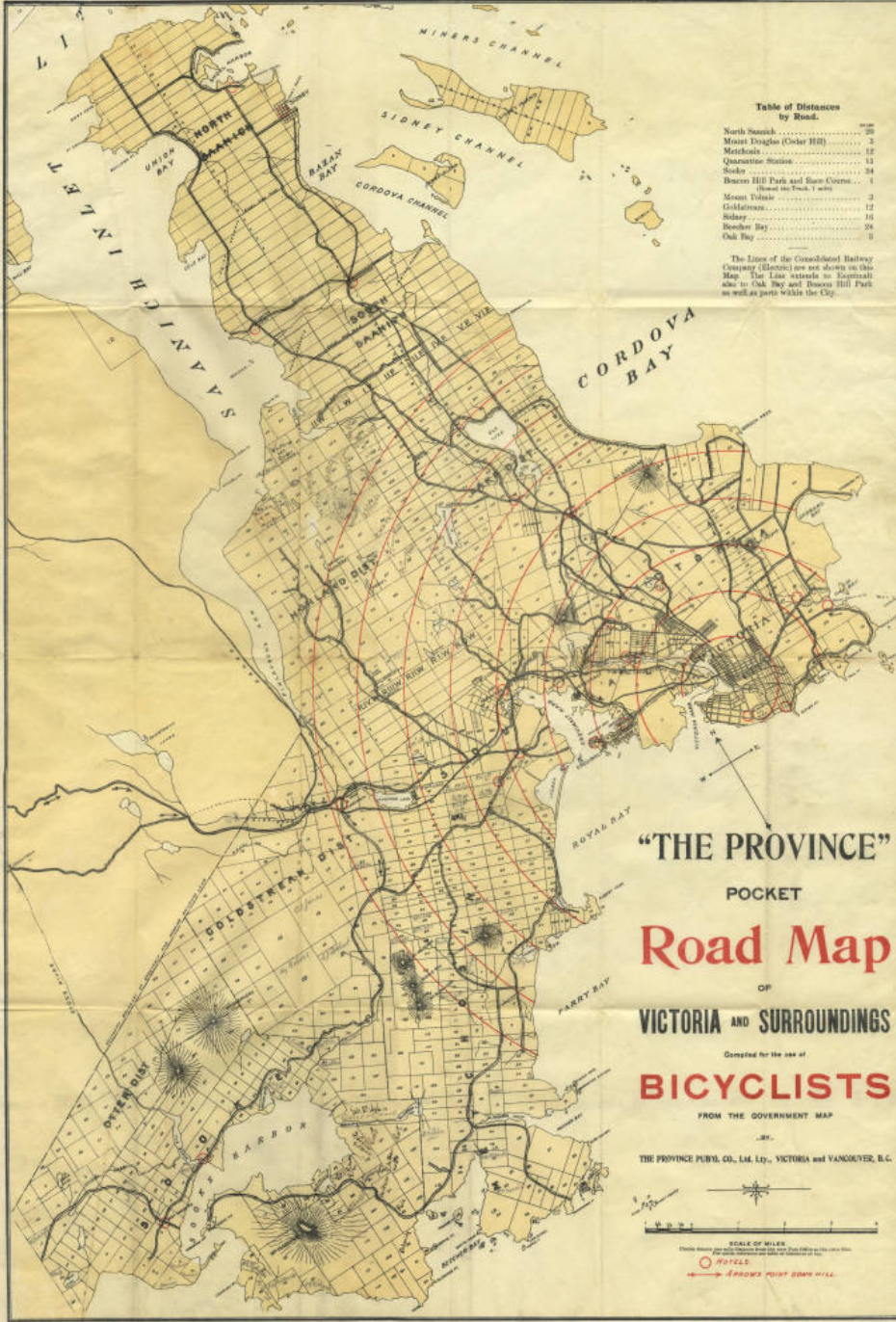


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North Saanich	20
Mount Douglas (Coker Hill)	2
Metchosin	12
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Stoke	24
Bowen Hill Park and Spaco Courts	1
(Based on Public Rates)	
Mount Tolmie	3
Goldstream	12
Sidney	16
Becher Bay	28
Oak Bay	8

The Lines of the Canadian Railway Company (Electric) are not shown on this Map. The Line outside the Esquimalt and Oak Bay and Bowen Hill Park as well as parts within the City.

"THE PROVINCE"
POCKET
Road Map
OF
VICTORIA AND SURROUNDINGS

Compiled for the use of
BICYCLISTS
FROM THE GOVERNMENT MAP
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BCMA Medical Museum

- British Columbia Medical Association
- <http://www.bcmamedicalmuseum.org/>

Collections



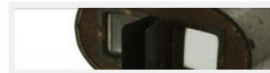
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Anatomy & Pathology



Audio-Visual



Dentistry



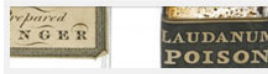
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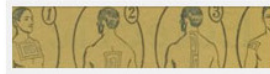
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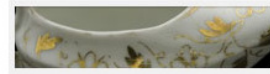
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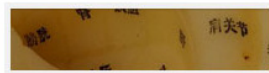
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Sundries



Nutrition / Diet



Ophthalmology



Oriental Medicine



Orthopaedics



Otolaryngology

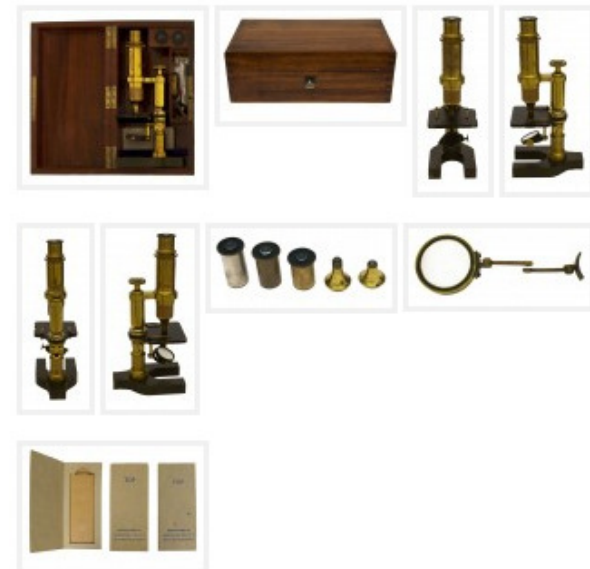
2000.1.1: Microscope, Compound Monocular, 1870-1880



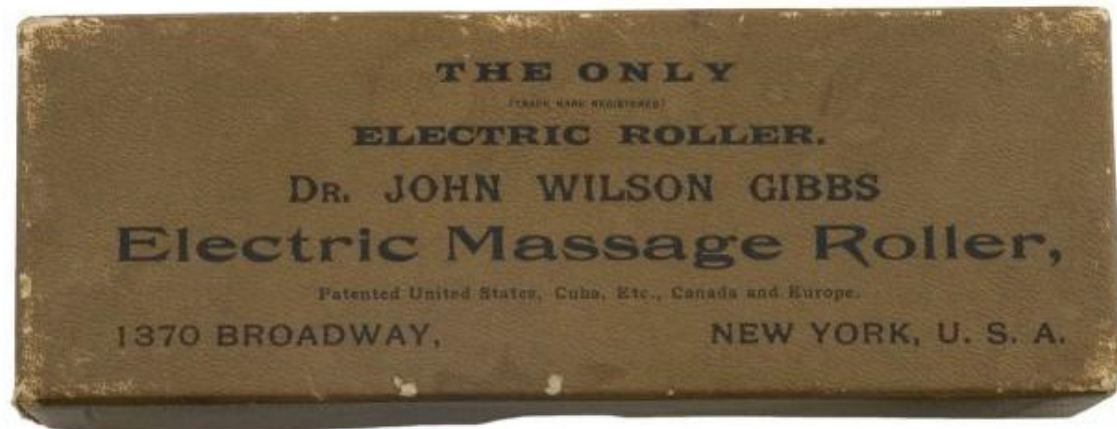
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ADDITIONAL IMAGES

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993.1133.1: Massage Roller, 1901-1950



ADDITIONAL IMAGES



Image No. 2102 Electric face massage roller in box; Photographer: Helen Kingsley

A Life in the Woods: Oral Histories Collection

- Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History
- <http://touchstonesnelson.ca/exhibitions/forest/index.html>



Logging in the Slocan Valley, 1909, Touchstone Nelson Museum of Art and History, 1909.



Kelly Creek Fire Camp #3 Suppression Crew. July 1944 to August 1944.
Photo by Alan Ramsden.



Green Timbers Forestry School for Forest Rangers and Assistant Forest Rangers.

Provincial initiatives

- Chinese Canadian Stories
- BC Bibliography
- Multicultural Canada
- BC Historical Newspapers
- BC Government Publications
- First Nations Digitization Demonstration Project

Chinese Canadian Stories: Uncommon Histories from a Commons Past

- Funding from Community Historical Recognition Program (CHRP)
- Vision: *“A one-stop web portal dedicated to collecting, digital archiving, accessing and distributing information about Chinese Canadian history.”*
- UBC and SFU lead partners
- Initial content from UBC, SFU and CHRP-funded groups
- Community engagement opportunities - IKBLC



a place of mind

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHINESE CANADIAN STORIES:
UNCOMMON HISTORIES
FROM A COMMON PAST

HOME ABOUT NEWSLETTERS RESEARCH DIARIES 華工書信 COMMUNITY NEWS 社區動態 STUDENT PROJECTS PROJECT PARTNERS MEDIA CONTACT

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CHINESE CANADIAN STORIES

Uncommon Histories from a Common Past

A UBC LIBRARY & SFU LIBRARY INITIATIVE
FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Chinatown Past, Present & Future



◀ **COMMUNITY PROJECTS** ▶

Creative Processes and Drawing Course:
Sheila Hall

Emily Carr: Chinatown Community Projects



Featured Gold Mountain Research Diaries Community News

The Canadian Immigration Experience

March 22, 2011 @12:36 pm ▶

Secret Societies of Vancouver's Chinatown

March 22, 2011 @12:07 pm ▶

Chinese Canadian Stories on Fairchild Radio AM 1470!

February 22, 2011 @6:00 pm ▶

<http://chinesecanadian.ubc.ca>

Online BC Bibliography

- Bringing BC Bibliography into 21st Century
- Starting with existing bibliographies to identify materials – out of copyright
- Opportunities to allow for community-generated content
- Initial prototype in development
- Partners include UBC, SFU, UVic, UNBC, VPL, BC Archives



MULTICULTURAL CANADA

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<http://www.multiculturalcanada.ca>



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[Daily Ledger \(Ladysmith\)](#)

[Tribune \(Nelson\)](#)

[Boundary Creek Times](#)

[Cariboo Sentinel \(Barkerville\)](#)

[Daily Building Record \(Vancouver\)](#)

[Ledge](#)

Browse By Date

Select a Year: Month: Day:

Today in History – April 5



<http://histnews.library.ubc.ca>

Other initiatives

- BC Government Documents Project
 - UBC, SFU, UVic, UNBC
- First Nations Digitization Toolkit (In-Digitization) Project
 - First Nations Technology Council
 - IKBLC
 - Ktunaxa, 'Namgis, Heiltsuk Nations
 - SLAIS, MOA, First Nations House of Learning at UBC

Digitization issues

- Funding
- Digital preservation
- Standards (Metadata, Format, etc.)
- Hosting
- Duplication & coordination
- Copyright

Questions?

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Thank you!