




HIS 262S: #10

Wealth and Power, Boom and Bust:

Canadian Economic Histories

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Canada Today

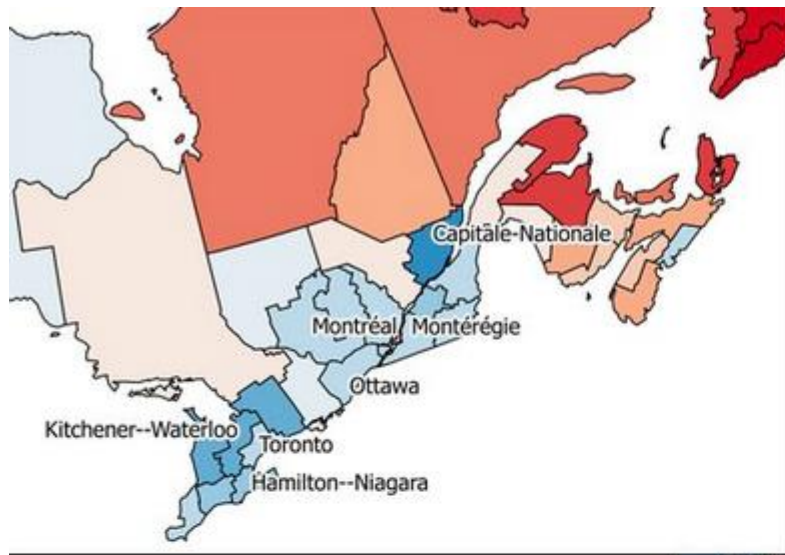
Economy

- ▶ Member of the G8, but only 16th largest world economy.
- ▶ Free Trade (Canada/US 1989) NAFTA 1994: massive economic integration with US.
- ▶ “Hewers of wood and drawers of water”
 - ▶ OIL, 3rd largest reserves, 5th largest producer
 - ▶ Largest US energy supplier
- ▶ GDP of 1.6 trillion



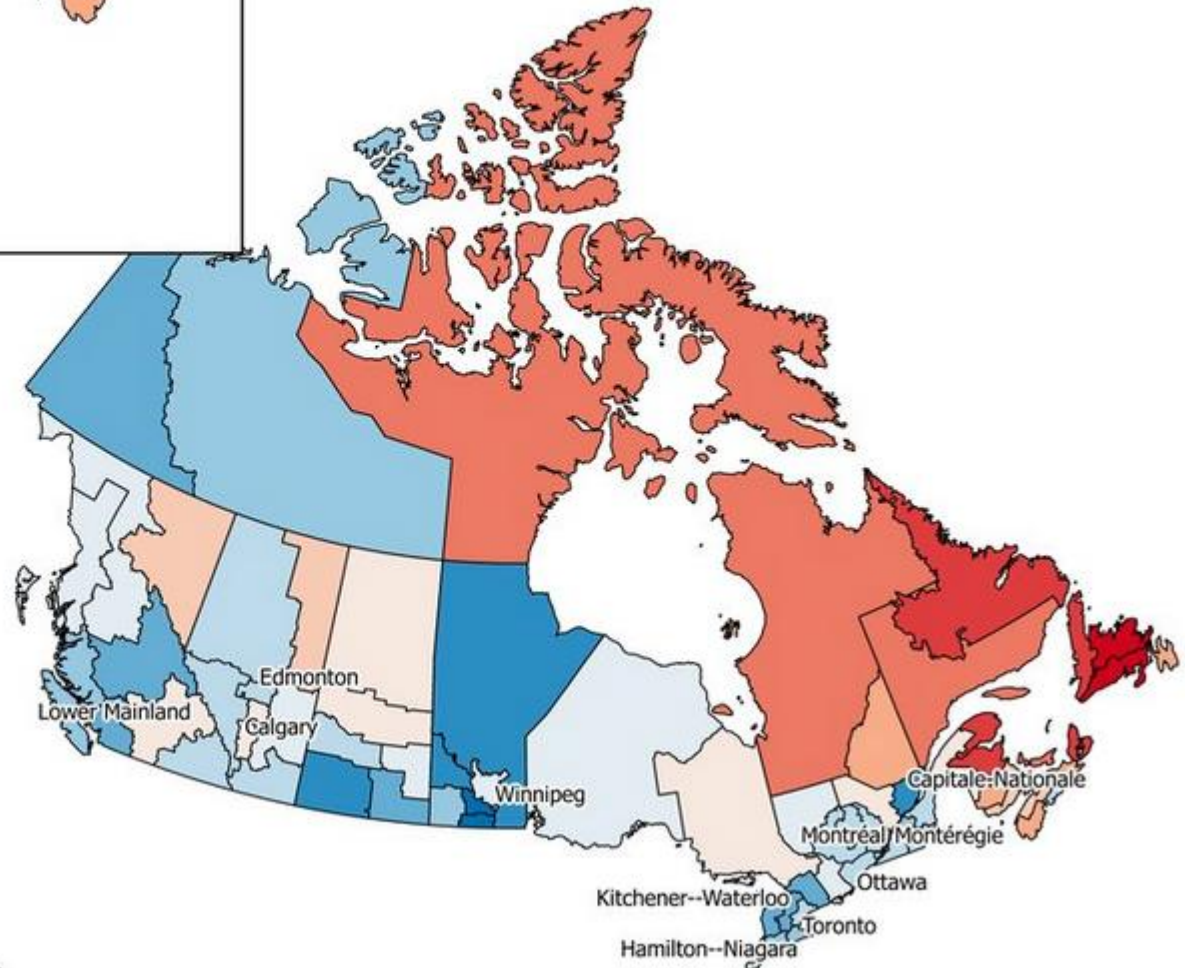
Unemployment Rates, by Economic Region

Latest LFS data for April 2016



Legend

Unemp. Rate





Economic History

Definitions

- ▶ Focus on cycles of growth and contraction, and implications
 - ▶ Impact of disruptions and transformations
 - ▶ (e.g. transportation: railway, automobile, airplane)
- ▶ Connected to:
 - ▶ Labour history
 - ▶ Social history
 - ▶ Environmental history



Periodizing Canadian Economic History

- ▶ Confederation to WWI: Protectionist
- ▶ World War I (1914-1918); War Economy
- ▶ Post War Bust: 1919-1925
- ▶ Boom 1925-1929
- ▶ GREAT DEPRESSION, 1929-1939
- ▶ World War II (1939-1945): War Economy
- ▶ Post War Canada, Cold War Economy, Baby Boom
 - ▶ Rise of “welfare state”, unemployment insurance
 - ▶ 1960s CPP, Medicare
- ▶ Free Trade 1988, NAFTA 1994



Topics

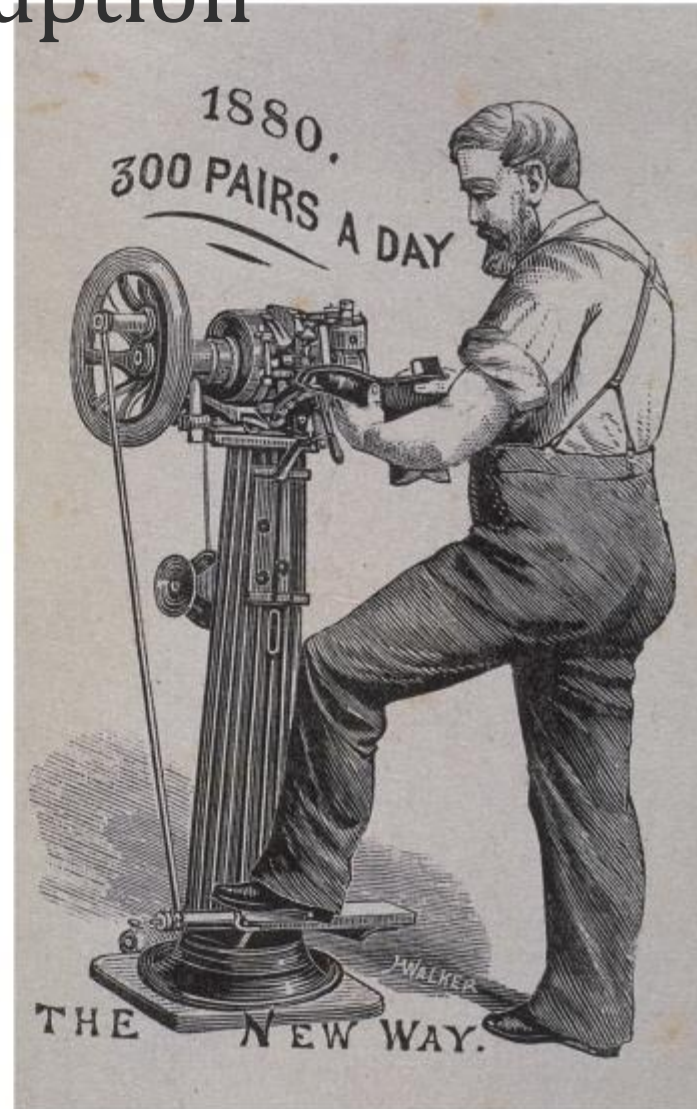
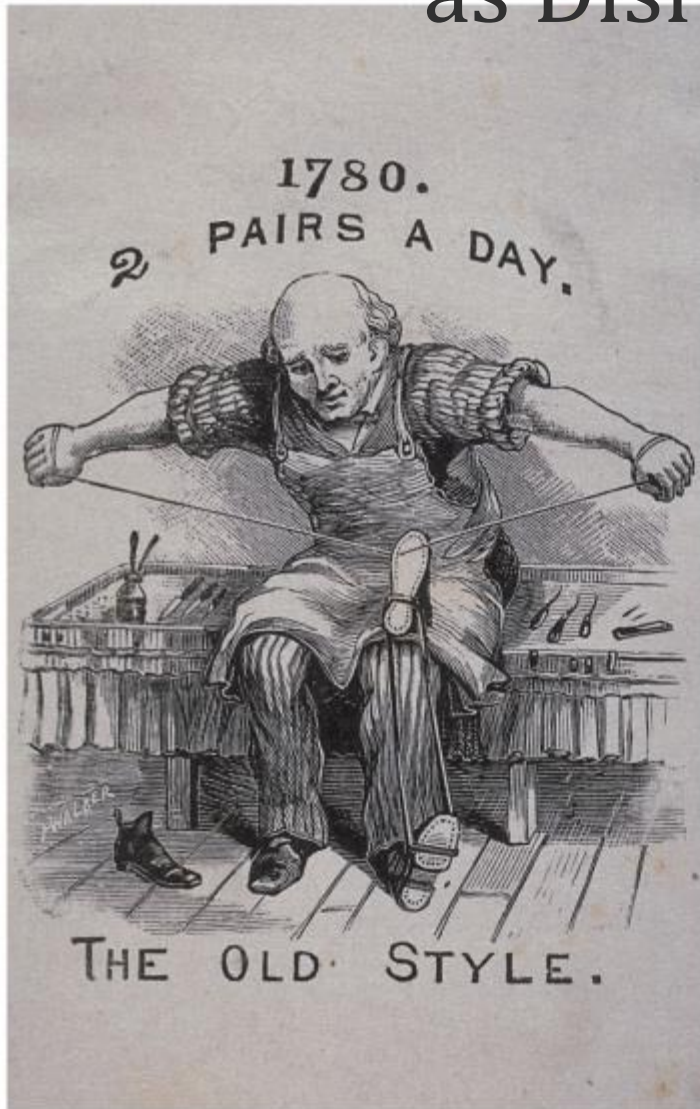
- ▶ Income Inequality
- ▶ Infrastructure and Mega Projects
- ▶ Free Trade Debates





Income Inequality

19th Century Industrialization as Disruption



Income Inequality in late 19th century Canada



► Stable at Michael P. Davis' residence, (565 Rideau Street) MIKAN No.: 3422439



Dining room, Mrs. George Stephen's house, Montreal, QC, 1884

Wm. Notman & Son
1884, 19th century



Mr. Rogerson's parlour, 1880s MIKAN No.: 3365460, by William James Topley



Interior of immigrant's home, Library and Archives
Canada, Late 19th C: [Manitoba] MIKAN No 3366049



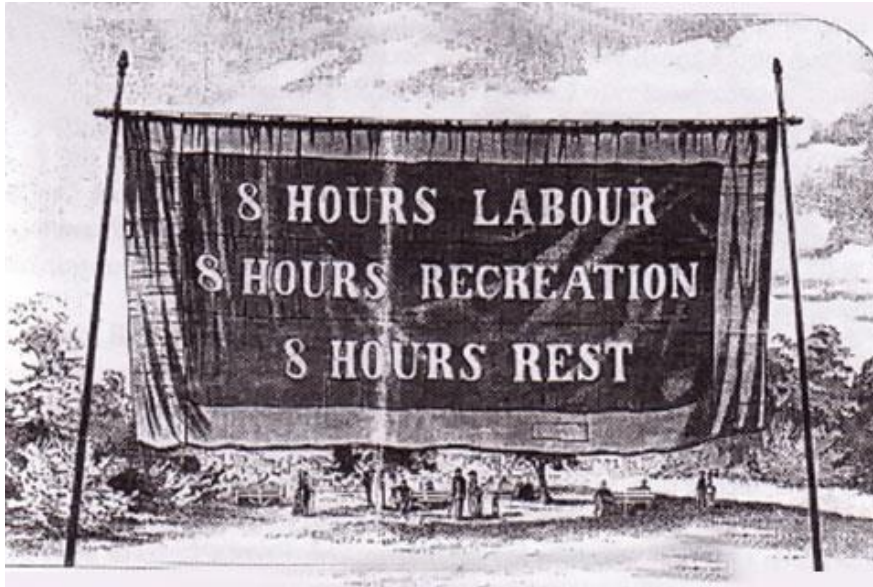
City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1244, Item 676

Poverty and income inequality before the Great Depression:
Woman panhandler with sign, Yonge Street, 1918 City of Toronto Archives.

► Fonds 1244, Item 676

Labour History

- ▶ Trade Union Act, 1872
- ▶ Nine Hour Day movement
- ▶ Knights of Labour



A Labour Day parade on Yonge Street, c 1900 (courtesy City of Toronto Archives/Fonds 1568, Item 314)

The Winnipeg General Strike, 1919





► RCMP charging strikers: Credit: Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Library and Archives Canada / e0046661082 21 June 1919

THE GREAT DEPRESSION, 1929-1939



- ▶ Mass unemployment
- ▶ Homelessness
- ▶ Searching for work

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Title: Men in doorway of freight car, western Canada.**Date:** [ca. 1930-1933].

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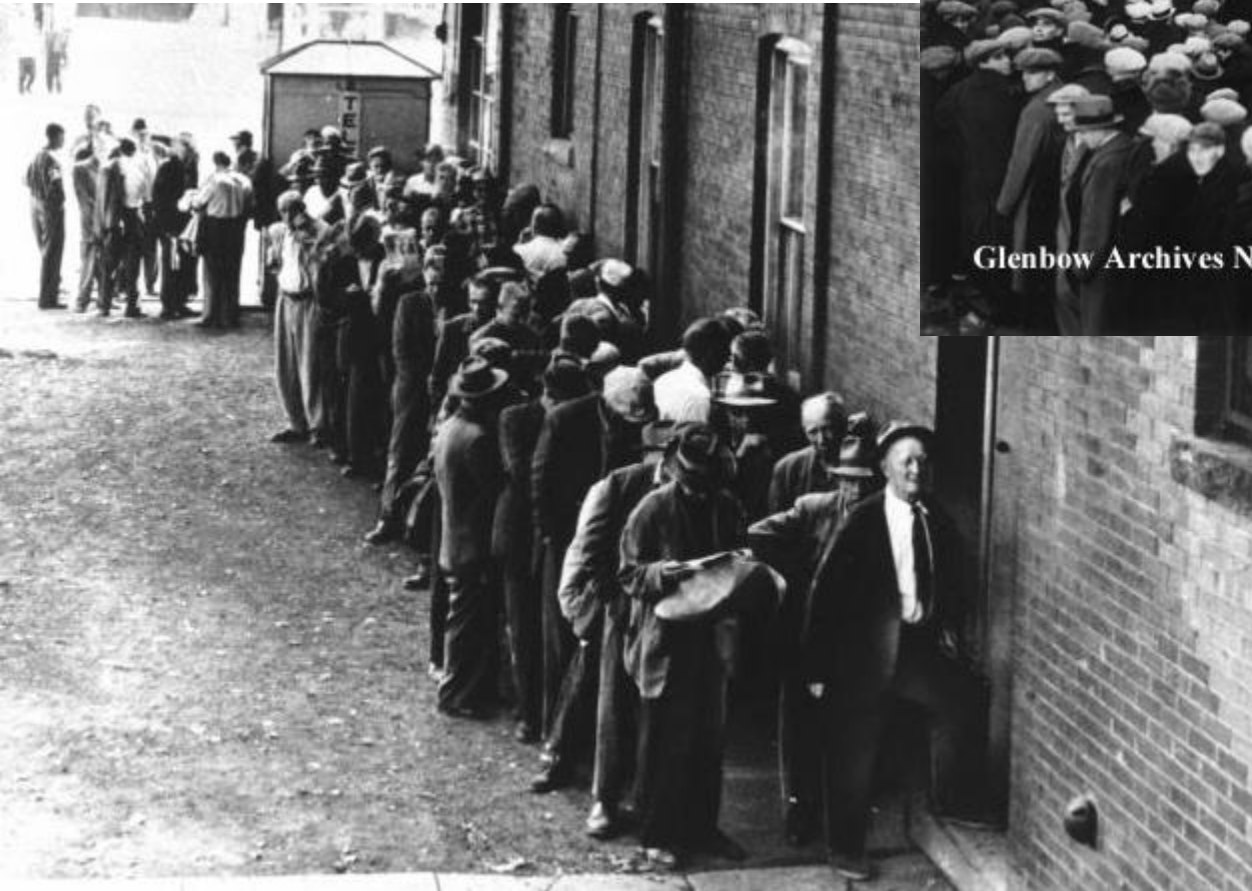
Title: Frank Kane riding the rails, Frank, Alberta.

Date: 1930



Glenbow Archives NC-54-3604

Soup Kitchens and Protests, Images of the Great Depression



Title **Lineup at soup kitchen**



Glenbow Archives NC-6-13014c

File number: NC-6-13014c

Title: Unemployed demonstration, Edmonton, Alberta.

Date: December 1932

City of Toronto Archives,
Line up at Soup Kitchen

Prairie Drought





Sleeping at the Relief Office





► The On to Ottawa Trek, 1935

World War II, and Post War Canada

Broad Initiatives

- ▶ John Maynard Keynes and Keynesian economics
- ▶ Equalization Payments beginning 1957

Federal Social Security

- ▶ Unemployment Insurance, 1940
- ▶ Family Allowance, 1945 (for children under 16 in school, *universal*)
- ▶ Canada Pension Plan, 1965
- ▶ Medical Care Act, 1966, now Canada Health Act
- ▶ 1960s-fed contributions to social assistance programs.



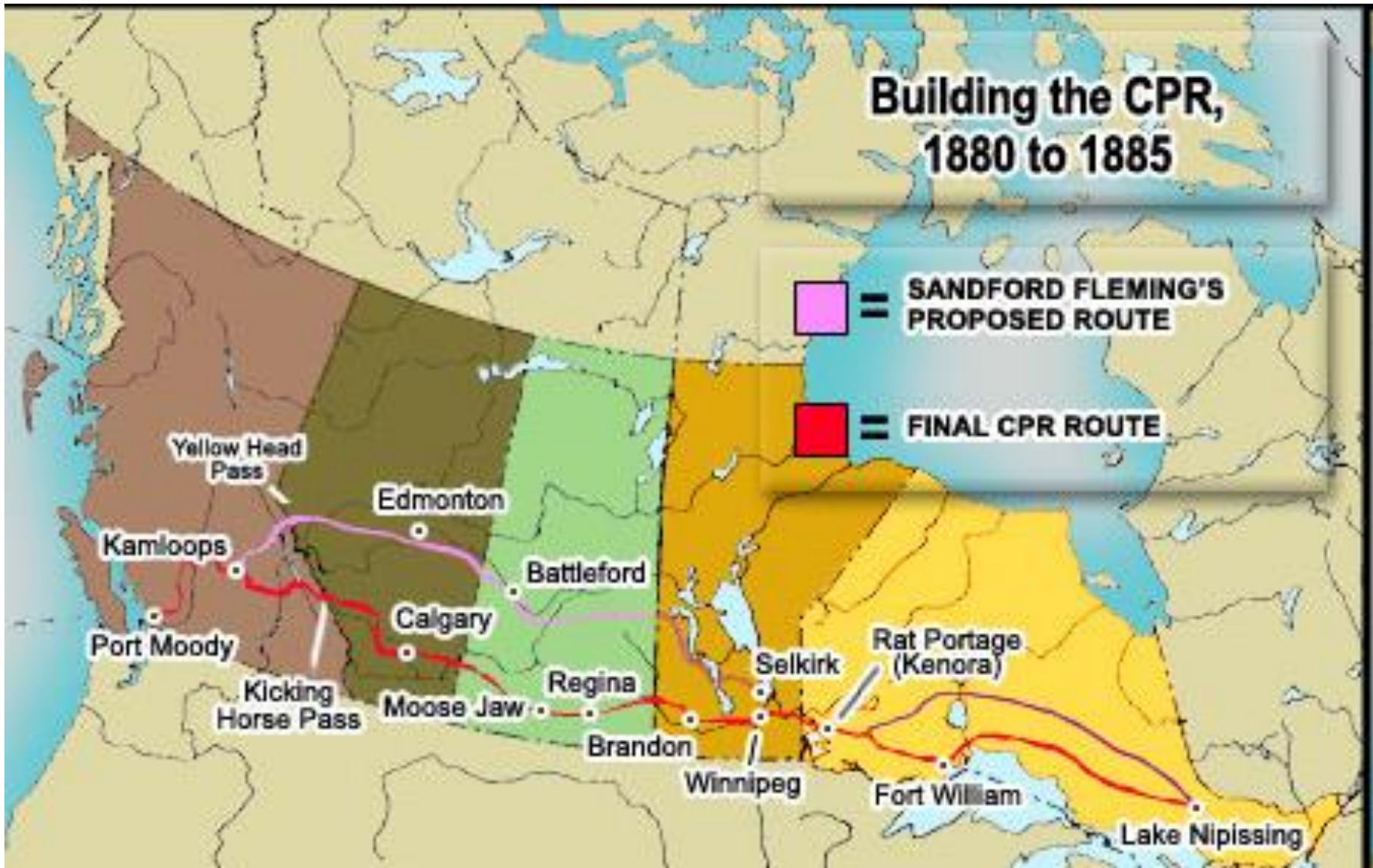


Infrastructure & Mega Projects

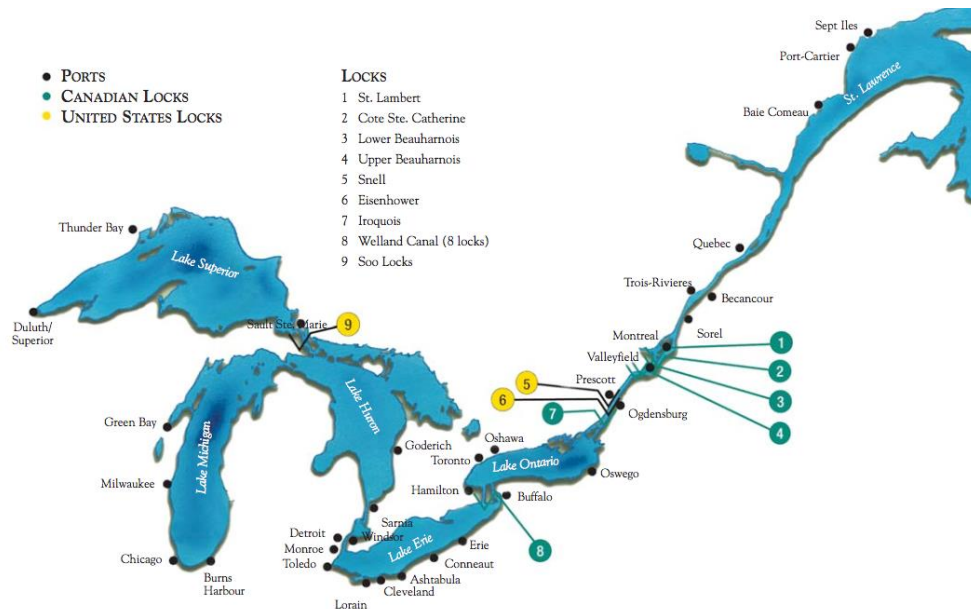
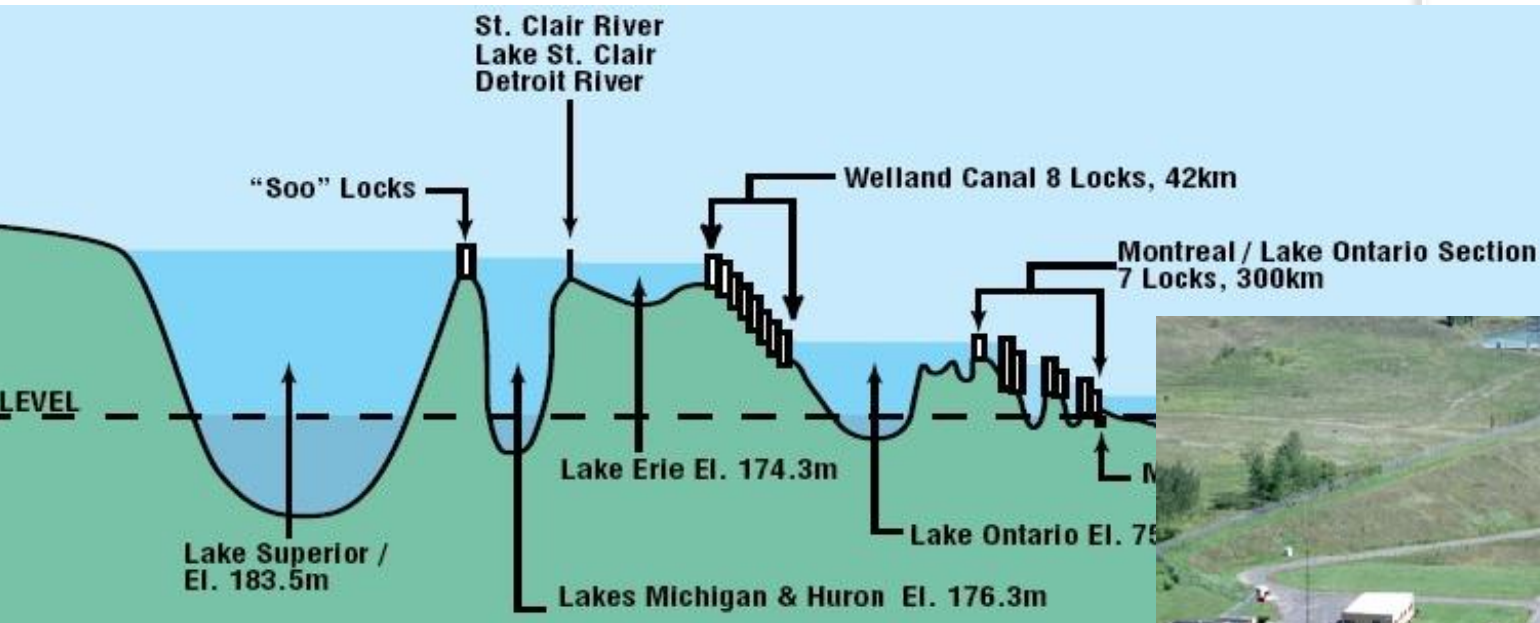
The Canadian Pacific Railway, 1880-1885

The St. Lawrence Seaway, 1954-1959

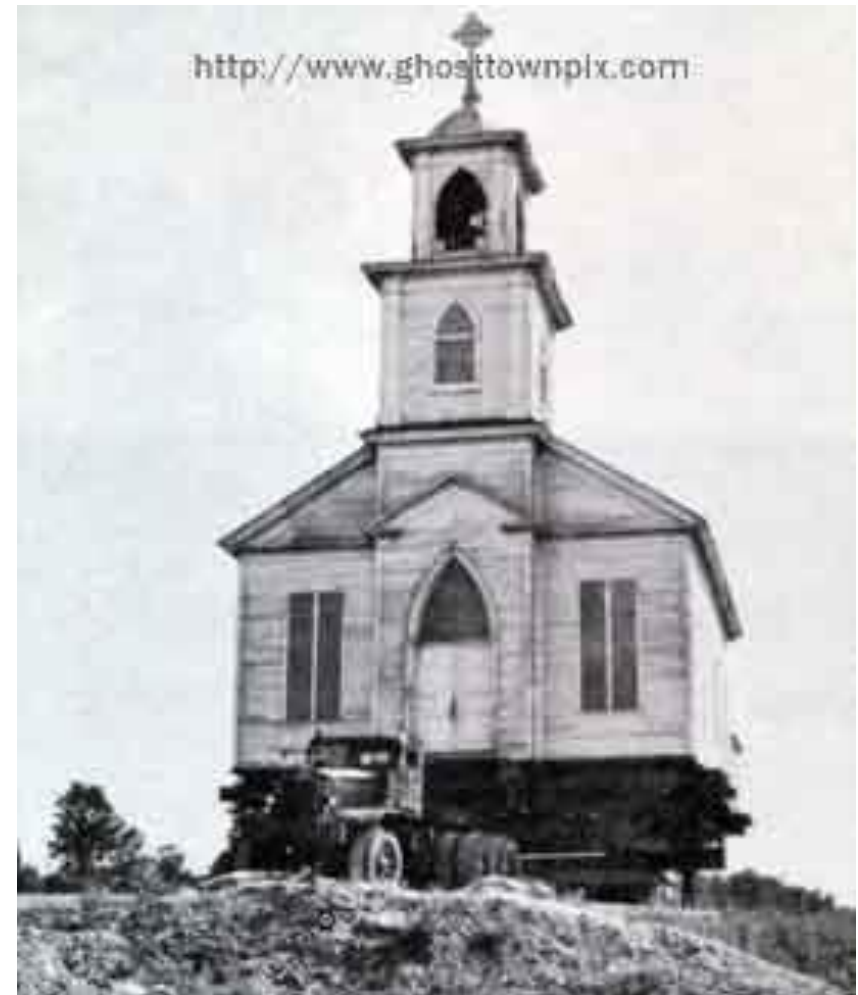
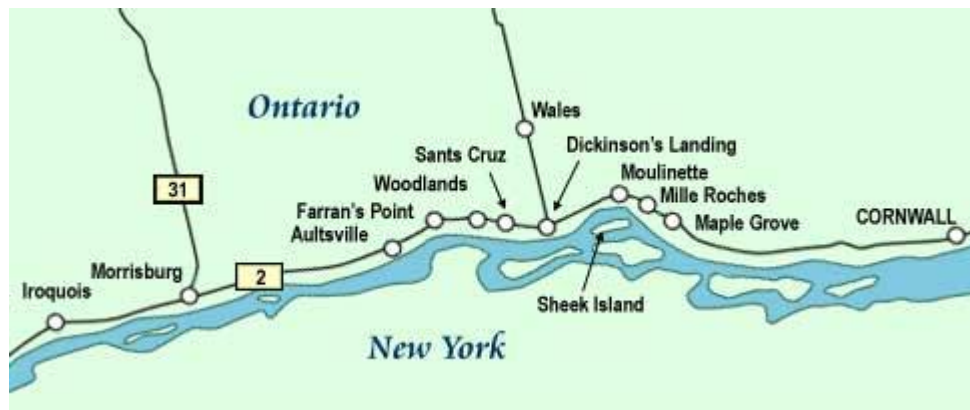
3. Building the Railway, 1880-1886



The St. Lawrence Seaway, 1954-1959



“People in the Way:” Lost and Relocated Villages





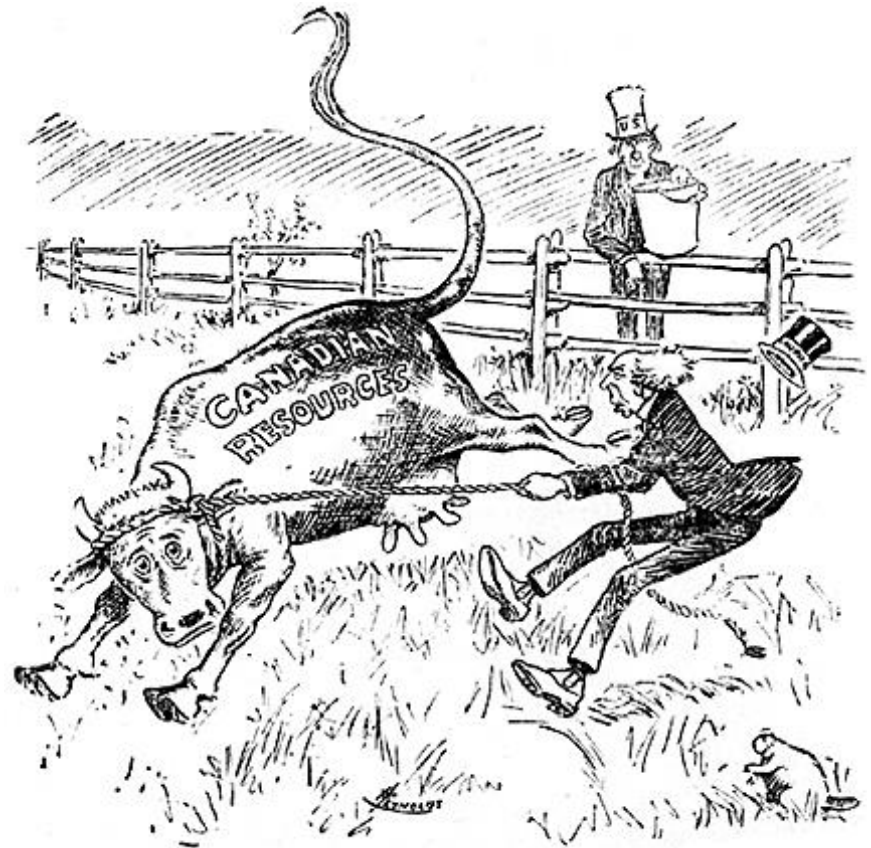
Free Trade Debates

1911 Election: National Policy or Free Trade?

Wilfrid Laurier (LIB) PRO



Robert Borden (CON) CON



The Province (Vancouver)



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THE WAY HE WOULD LIKE IT. CANADA FOR SALE.



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Free Trade in the 1980s

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... IN OUR NEXT ~~MEETING~~ ^{ENCOUNTER} WE SHALL DEBATE THE LEGAL AND CULTURAL
RAMIFICATIONS OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE FREE TRADE DEAL, AS INTERPRETED
THROUGH THE USE OF NAMECALLING, INNUENDO AND KICKBOXING.

AGAINST FREE TRADE

- RAY.
- LIBERAL-LEFT.
- PROFESSIONAL.
- ETHNIC BACKGROUND.
- MASTERCARD.
- MAZDA.
- C.B.C.
- MACLEAN'S.
- EXPOS.
- SCOTCH or WINE (WHITE).
- JANE FONDA.
- PASTA.
- WORRIED THAT FREE TRADE MIGHT ELIMINATE HIS JOB.



FOR FREE TRADE

- ANDREW.
- TORY.
- BUSINESSMAN.
- WASP.
- AMERICAN EXPRESS.
- BUICK.
- C.T.V.
- FINANCIAL POST.
- BLUE JAYS.
- RYE AND DIET PEPSI.
- DOLLY PARTON.
- BEEF.
- ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT FREE TRADE ELIMINATING RAY'S JOB.



AGAINST
MONTREAL
GAZETTE

Drawing, cartoon

For and Against Free Trade

Aislin (alias Terry Mosher)

June 19, 1987, 20th century

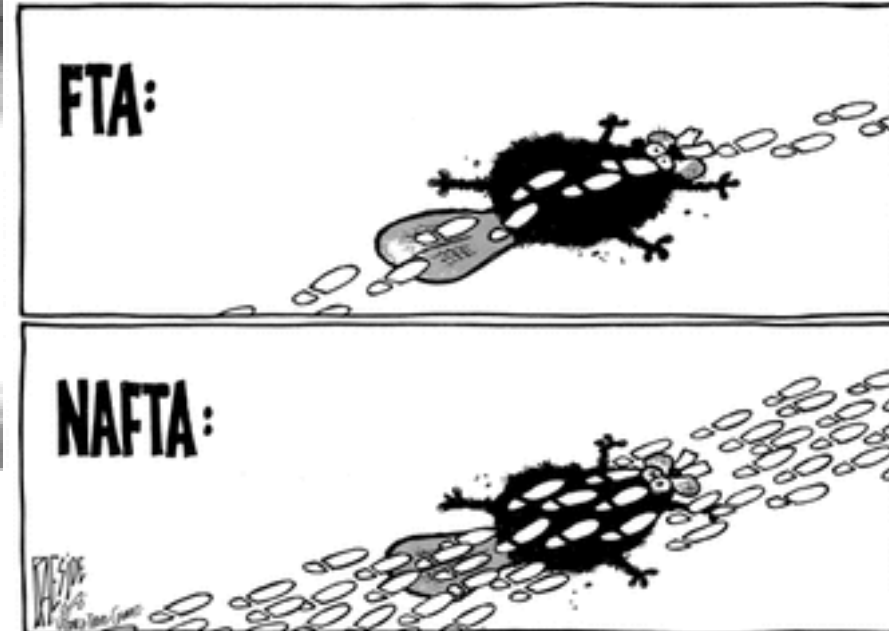
Ink and felt pen on paper

28.5 x 20.7 cm

Gift of Mr. Terry Mosher

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NAFTA, 1994
“Modernization:” 2017-