

PICTURE THIS

Famous photos tell a story about Canada's past.



THOMAS MOORE KEESICK

Regina, around 1896

For many years, the government of Canada forced Indigenous children into residential schools. It also staged photos like these in hopes that Canadians would support residential schools, even though Indigenous families fought to protect and educate their children in community. We do not know if Thomas Moore Keesick agreed to have his picture taken.



THE LAST SPIKE

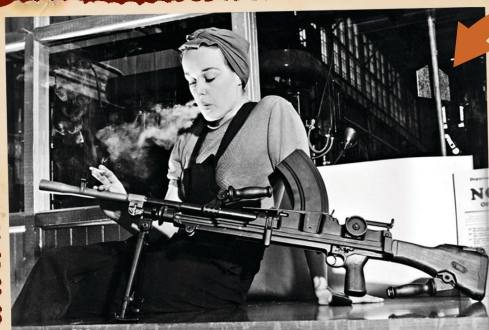
Craigellachie, B.C., Nov. 7, 1885

Donald Smith, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, drives in the final spike to connect the east and west parts of the track. (Check out the kid in the middle — early photo bomber?)

OFF TO WAR

New Westminster, B.C.
Oct. 1, 1940

Warren "Whitey" Bernard was five when he said goodbye to his dad, who was leaving to fight in the Second World War.



ON THE HOME FRONT

Toronto, March 1941

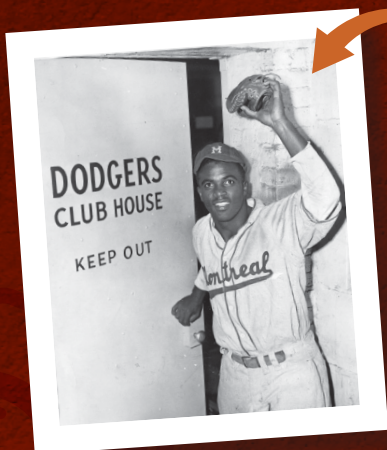
Women took over in Canadian factories during the war. This photo of Veronica "Ronnie" Foster working on a Bren gun was intended to encourage women to join her.

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St. Anthony, N.L.
March 22, 1977

French movie star Brigitte Bardot cuddled this seal pup to try to stop the seal hunt in Canada. She and other animal-rights campaigners didn't talk about what a ban might mean for Inuit and other hunters.





BASEBALL LEGEND

Brooklyn, New York

April 11, 1947

When Jackie Robinson became the first Black man to play major league baseball, he made sure he was wearing his uniform from Montreal when he arrived. That's where he got his start as a pro with the Royals, on his way to playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

THE BIG GOAL

Moscow, U.S.S.R., Sep. 28, 1972

Back when the Soviet Union still existed, Canada's hockey series against the Communist country was a huge deal. People all over the country cheered wildly when Paul Henderson finally scored the goal that won the series for Canada.



UNFAIR FUMBLE

North Bay, Ont., May 30, 1974

The photographer took many pictures of Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield catching a football during an election campaign. But only this one made it to the front pages. The Liberals won that vote.



SHOCKING MOVE

London, U.K., May 7, 1977

Many Canadians were outraged when the Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau, did a twirl behind the Queen. What they didn't know: He planned and practised the move, probably to make a point about all the fancy surroundings and rules at Buckingham Palace.



A TRUE CANADIAN HERO

Oakville, Ont., July 13, 1980

Three months into what he hoped would be a cross-country run, Terry Fox had no idea how big his Marathon of Hope would become. Although his cancer took his life, this photo shows his incredible courage and determination.

WOMAN OF FIRSTS

Vancouver, B.C., July 30, 1990

Kim Campbell had just become Canada's first female justice minister when this photo was taken. Three years later, she became Canada's first female prime minister, but lost badly in the next federal election.





LAND STANDOFF

Oka, Que., Sept. 1, 1990

Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) warrior Brad Larocque defends his people's burial grounds from becoming part of a golf course. Young Canadian soldier Patrick Cloutier stands toe-to-toe in the middle of enormous tension. One provincial police officer died. In the end, the golf course expansion was never built. The cemetery remains.



CARTES DE VISITE

These little cards made photo portraits affordable for ordinary people, who bought sets to exchange with family and friends. People collected cartes de visite (literally "visiting cards") in albums. The cards were hugely popular from about 1860 to 1900.

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IN STEREO

Take a stereoscope viewer and two slightly different photos of the same scene, and voila — the image suddenly looks like it's in 3D. Stereographs were enormously popular in the mid-1800s. They brought scenes of exciting faraway places into Canadian homes.



PHOTO BOOTH

Canadian David McCowan invented the Phototeria in 1928. It was one of the earliest photo booths around. All over Canada, people inserted 25 cents and (eventually) got a shiny metal circle with their picture on it.

