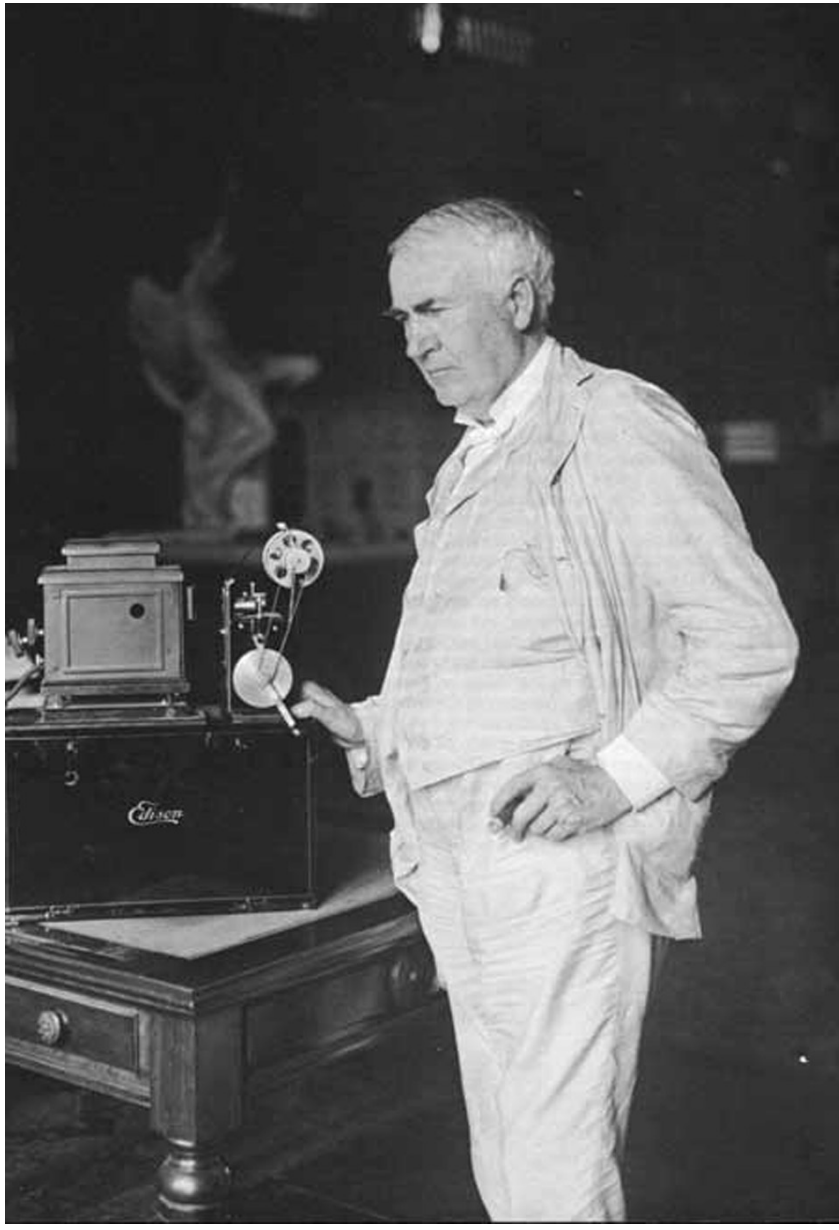


# Invention *to* Innovation



Thomas Edison and the kinetoscope

Museums are repositories of past technology. Here, hundreds of inventions, that at one time amazed and entertained the world, from typesetting machines to voice recorders, now languish in obscurity. And yet, Museum London's collection attests to the interest these inventions and others once held for the city's citizens. Where did they come from and how did they change the way Londoners experienced their world?

Many of the examples on exhibit here are the result of the work of individuals like Thomas Edison whose labs and workshops produced the prototypes of dozens of articles that are still with us today though in much evolved form. Today, innovation most often comes from collaborative labs and centres, several of which can be found in London, Ontario. Individual genius is still part of invention, but more often, it is a long process of testing and retesting that involves many people over long periods of time.

This exhibition highlights recent innovations from three London companies: 3M Canada, LacMac, and Trudell Medical International, some of which may be familiar to visitors while others surprising. Many of these inventions are as crucial to people's lives today as those of one hundred years ago were to people of that era.

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