

# GARVEY BUILDING



201 King Street

## Architecture

Four storey building  
Italianated design  
Red brick commercial

First floor windows are 10'  
above street level  
Prominent streetscape

## Historical Synopsis

Originally known as the Garvey Building, this property had many uses, including warehouse, government and transportation related offices.

## Timeline

- 1910** Built by wholesaler John Garvey, who turned his attention exclusively to the sale of groceries and liquors, and saw the building as a substantial office warehouse. Named it for his family as the Garvey Building.
- 1912-1929** Garvey's son continued to run the business until retirement.
- 1929-1944** Building purchased by the Bank of Toronto and eventually Kellogg's used it as a storage facility.
- 1945** Building purchased by Federal Government for \$45,000. After World War II, the building was damaged by a fire.
- 1946** Federal Government spent \$150,000 on renovation and furnishing.
- 1950** Building became the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Mid 1960's** Sold by the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation to a group of London business leaders.
- 1965** Dominion Automobile and Pitt's Insurance Co. Ltd. occupied the premises.
- 1965-2005** Throughout the years, Dominion Automobile Association shared its building with many different businesses.
- 2005** Building purchased by GoodLife FITNESS for its head office.
- 2014** Building purchased by Pillar Nonprofit Network as home to London's first Social Innovation Shared Space.

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