

# TD's History: Our Roots

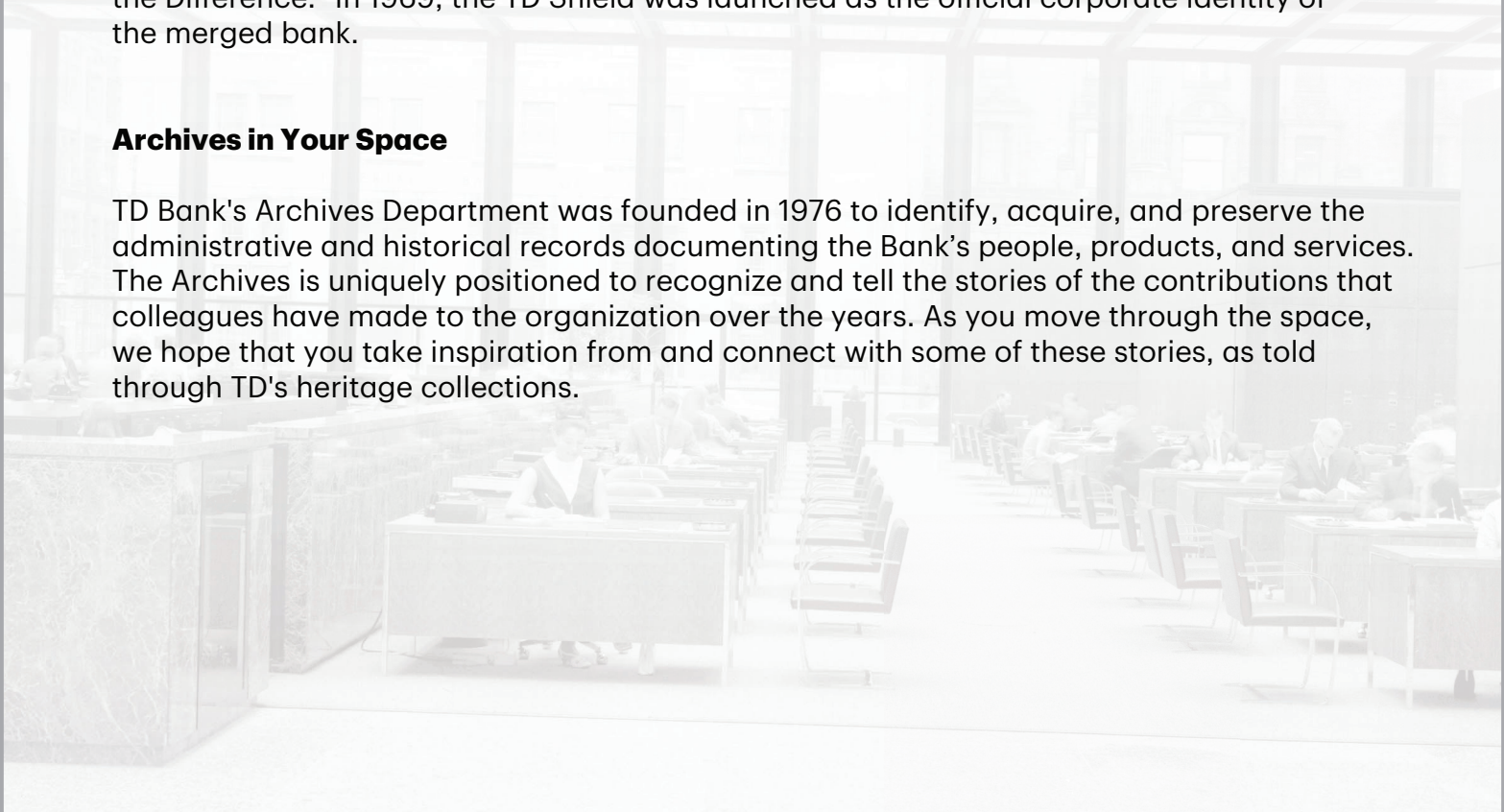
TD Bank's earliest predecessor, the **Bank of Toronto**, was founded in 1855 by a consortium of millers and merchants. Rooted in Canada's emerging grain industry, the new bank provided essential financial services to the sector; mainly insurance and commodities exchange. As the Bank's business grew, a provincial branch network was built and expanded to Montreal in 1860.

The **Dominion Bank** was formed shortly after Canadian Confederation. Eager to help the young nation finance important nation-building projects, Canadian Parliament issued a charter to Dominion Bank in 1869. The backing funds had been raised by a group of industrialists and financiers who prospered from a flourishing agricultural economy, expanding commerce, and the growth of industry in urban centres. Opening its first branch in 1871, Dominion Bank kept pace with the Bank of Toronto; extending its services to customers and communities across central Canada.

Recognizing that a union of equals would help them grow with the post-war economy, the Bank of Toronto and Dominion Bank negotiated an amalgamation in 1954. On February 1, 1955, the **Toronto Dominion Bank** was born with 499 branches and a combined team of 5,500 employees. The new bank philosophy emphasized customer service and product knowledge. "The Best in Banking Service," our first slogan, evolved into "The Bank Where People Make the Difference." In 1969, the TD Shield was launched as the official corporate identity of the merged bank.

## Archives in Your Space

TD Bank's Archives Department was founded in 1976 to identify, acquire, and preserve the administrative and historical records documenting the Bank's people, products, and services. The Archives is uniquely positioned to recognize and tell the stories of the contributions that colleagues have made to the organization over the years. As you move through the space, we hope that you take inspiration from and connect with some of these stories, as told through TD's heritage collections.



## Frame A



**Banking Pavilion Interior, Toronto Dominion Centre, 1970**  
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**TD Tower Lobby Interior, Toronto Dominion Centre, 1970**  
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## Frame B



**Banking Pavilion under Construction, Toronto Dominion Centre, August 1967**  
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**Charles Bronfman, Toronto Mayor Philip Givens and TD President & CEO Allen Lambert on top of steel structure of TD Tower at the "topping off" ceremony, Toronto Dominion Centre, April 14, 1966**  
TD Bank Group Archives 77-240-10  
Ron Vickers Photography 9860-13



**Guests examine the Toronto Dominion Centre model, on display during the Annual Meeting on April 9, 1964. Pictured at centre beside the model is R.M. Thomson, Assistant to the President and later President of Toronto Dominion Bank (1972-1997)**  
TD Bank Group Archives 77-238-9  
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**Toronto Dominion Tower rises in front of the Royal York Hotel as seen in September 1965**  
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Panda & Associates 64603-44



**Aerial view, Toronto Dominion Centre, ca. 1969**  
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## Frame C



**Exterior view of the entrance to Toronto Dominion Tower, ca. 1970**  
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