



4.4: *Western City Yard, ca. 1896*

Cartwrights, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, and carpenters were among the skilled City workers who made and repaired equipment at the Western City Yard, 1118 King Street West, in the late 1890s. Although the men photographed by Josiah Bruce were City employees, their workshops had an independent, pre-industrial feel to them. By the time Josiah Bruce documented the Western Yard, more and more manufacturing, processes once carried out by small numbers of skilled craftsmen, were being analyzed, broken down, and split up among numerous, (relatively) unskilled factory workers. The days of the independent artisan were numbered.

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