

# "COPELAND-LYMAN" BLOCK pre 1850

76 - 80.5 King St. West  
2 -> 3 Storefronts



**DIRECTORY LISTINGS:**

- 1884/1887: Copeland, boots & shoes store (80\*); Marshall & Lyman, dry goods (76\*);
- 1890: Copeland, boots & shoes store (80\*); C.C. Lyman & Co., dry goods(76\*);
- 1895: J.E. Chrysler, jeweller (80\*); G.W. Bishop, merchant tailor (76\*);
- 1900: J.E. Chrysler, jeweller (80\*); Brownlee & Co., Tailors (76\*);
- 1908/1917: J.E. Chrysler, jeweller (80); Fashion Craft, N.B. Colcock, clothing (76);
- 1919: F.I. Weatherhead & Co., insurance (80.5); J.E. Chrysler, jeweller (80); Fashion Craft, clothing (76);
- 1921: F.I. Weatherhead & Co., insurance (80.5); W.M. Haskett, jeweller (80); Fashion Craft, clothing (76);
- 1923/1924: Edwin Cossitt, real estate & insur (80.5); W.M. Haskett, jeweller (80); Fashion Craft, clothing (76);
- 1931: Brockville Shoe Shine (80.5); K.A. MacAskill, jeweller (80); H. Agnew-Suprass Shoes (76);
- 1935/1937: Superior Food Market (80/80.5); Agnew-Suprass Shoes (76);
- 1943: Alice O'Donahoe, real estate & insur (80.5); Singer Sewing Machine (80); Agnew-Suprass Shoes (76);
- 1946/1952: Alice O'Donahoe, real estate & insur (80.5); The Nursery Shop (80); Agnew-Suprass Shoes (76);
- 1953/1956: Mrs. J.S. McArthur office (80.5); The Nursery Shop (80); Agnew-Suprass Shoes (76);
- 1961: vacant (80); vacant (76);

This structure appears in the 1853 map and so was probably pre-1850. When originally built, it had a sloping roof. This is seen in the fuzzy picture above left, around 1890. As with many of the older buildings on King, it was renovated, probably in the early 1890s, and 'modernized' to a block style / flat roof.

**J.E. Chrysler** (John E.) opened his jewellery, watchmaking and optical business on King St. in 1888, moving here around 1893. A 1914 business report said he had "a full and complete assortment of clocks, fine gold and silver watches, precious stones loose and mounted in rings, jewellery in solid gold and gold filled sterling silver and silver plated ware, novelties, optical goods, etc". He made a couple of moves near this building before settling on this address at #80 around 1892, also living in this building. Chrysler settled in here until around 1922. The business was acquired by **W.M. Haskett**, with both he and Chrysler living in the same building. He did not have it for long, as it was acquired by **K.A. MacAskill** by 1931, but it had disappeared by 1935.

**Marshall & Lyman's** dry goods store was opened by Norton Marshall and Clifford Lyman in the early 1880s (possibly earlier). It offered dry goods, including gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps and furs among other stuff. Marshall lived over top of the store, while Lyman lived at 18x Wellington St. After Marshall and Lyman were gone by 1889, Charles C Lyman (possibly a son?) took over and continued on as **C.C. Lyman & Co.** dry goods. In the early 1890s, the business moved across the street to the south side.

**George W. Bishop**, had a merchant tailor shop in the mid 1890s. He lived over top of the store. **Brownlee & Co.**, tailors, replace Bishop from around 1897 until sometime in the first decade of the 1900s. Like Bishop, John H. Brownlee lived over top of the store.

Neville B. Colcock's **Fashion Craft** clothing store opened in 1908. Colcock had many previous years of experience in the field, working for 12 years in Robert Wright's store and 7 years travelling for a large Canadian clothing manufacturer. The store featured "Fashion Craft clothes" among others, offering "mens, boys and children's suits" and "a choice line of nobby toggery, hats, etc." Colcock lived upstairs in the same building. This establishment lasted until around 1925.

At around 1915, #80 on the west side was divided. #80.5 on the left, #80 on the right and double the size of the other. J.E. Chrysler, a jeweller, had the entire store for a few years but seemed to reduce its area, and it was divided. **Byron W. Kirby**, grocery, took over both sides briefly in the 1930s, but reverted back after that. #80.5 was an office for several businesses, then divided.

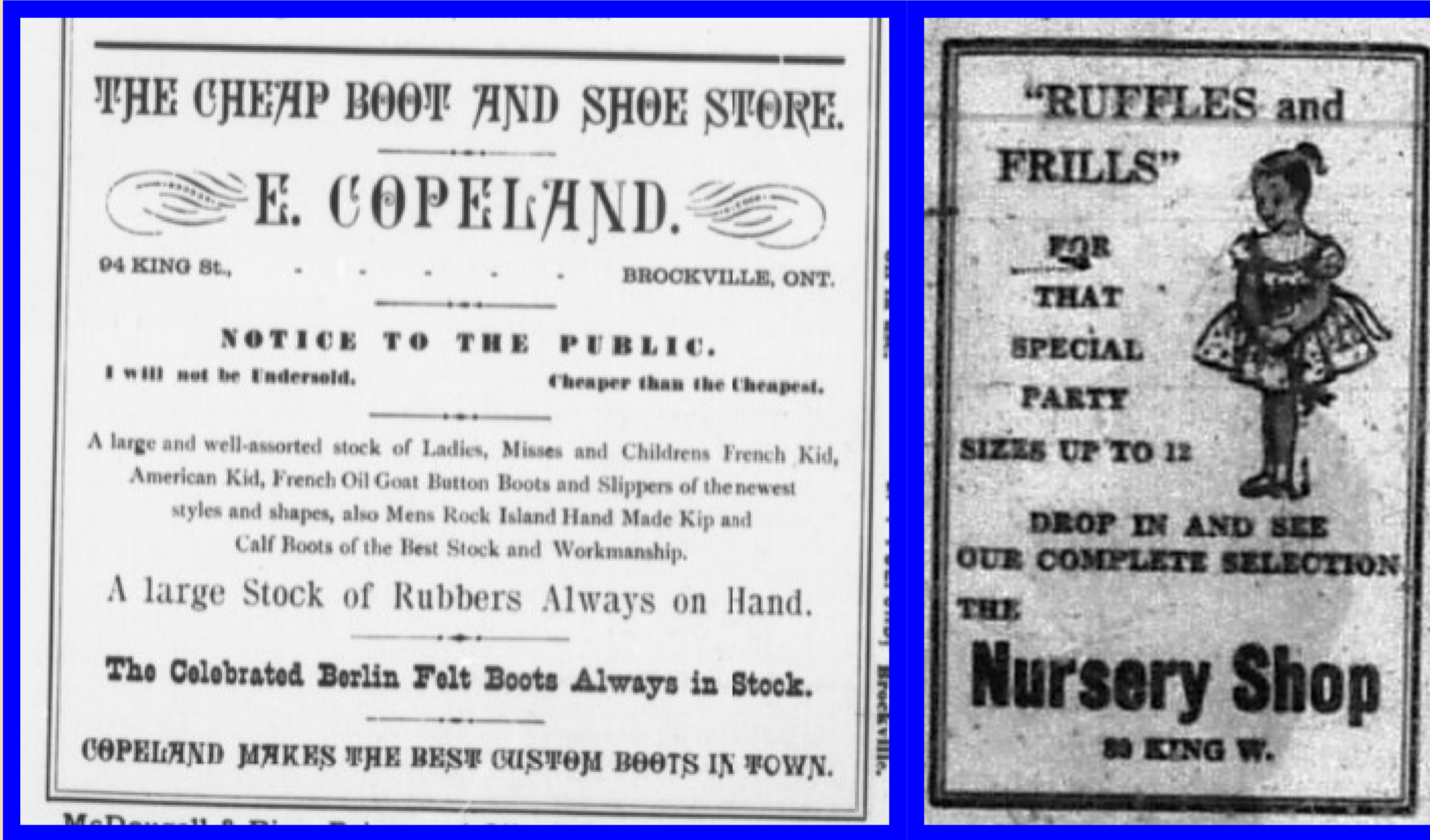
The **Brockville Shoe Shine & Hat Cleaning Shop** opened in the late 1920s, not lasting long, as they were gone by the early 1930's. It was probably another victim of the Great Depression. This establishment was run by Peter Manoll. He and wife Jean lived at 3 Brock Terrace.

Byron W. Kirby's **Superior Food Market** were in this building throughout the 1930s. It was the first of two downtown locations. They advertised "Fine Groceries, Meats, Fruits and Vegetables", offering "Lowest Prices, Consistent With Quality". By 1941, they moved to 66 King St. W., in the Kineaid Block.

**Alice O'Donahoe** had a property management, real estate & general insurance office at #80.5. She lived at 52 James St. E. **Mrs. J.S. McArthur** took over the office c1953, but directories do not indicate for what. (same?) She resided at 4 James St. E.

**The Nursery Shop**, children's wear, appeared here at the end of World War II, around 1945. It was managed by Mrs. Elizabeth H. Brown. With the building needing to be demolished to be replaced by the new Royal Bank, the shop moved to 152 King St. W., by the end of the decade. It only lasted to around 1964 at the new address before closing. Mrs Brown retired, as she does appear in the next directory.

## ADVERTISING



E Copland's Boots & Shoes, 1885; The Nursary Shop, 1958.

# THE REPLACEMENT ROYAL BANK BLOCK c1961



The new **Royal Bank** was built in it's place, around 1962. It's first manager here was D.M. Caldwell. **RBC** as it was later known, closed this location and moved to Parkdale Ave., c2018.

It was replaced by **River West Co.**, "a lifestyle boutique for the mind, body and soul". "We stock everything from boutique clothing, home & bedroom decor & linens, to personal care, gourmet foods and custom designed souvenirs." Among other products, they carry a fair amount of locally made products. The business was opened by Paul Blakney, with store manager Stefanie Chauvinin in 2017. The two got the idea from opening a gift and clothing spot in the Brockville Home Hardware Building Centre in the north end.

## STREET SCENE



A postcard street scene from around 1890. The 'Copeland-Lyman' Block is near centre to the right of the tall building. when it still had a sloping roof.