



BROCKVILLE 100



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"HOOPER-RECORDER" BLOCK

c1892

88 - 94 King St. West 3 Storefronts



DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

1895:: The Recorder Printing (94*); Samuel Hooper, barber (92*); D.S. Wright confectionery (90*);
1900:: The Recorder Printing (94*); Samuel Hooper, barber (92*); H.W. Going, bicycles (90*);
1910:: A.E. Fortier, barber (94); The Recorder Printing (92); Singer Sewing Machine Co. (90)
1913:: A.E. Fortier, barber (94); The Recorder Printing (92); Ontario Best Laundry (88)
1919:: The Electric Shop (94); vacant (92); Ontario Best Laundry (88)
1929/1931:: R.E. Stewart, stationary (94); Tom Muldoon, shoes (92); A.D. Currie, mens furnishings (88)
1935:: E. Cancilla, fruits (94); T. Muldoon, shoes (92); A.D. Currie, mens furnishings (88)
1943/1946:: Phillip Cancilla, fruits (94); Ball Clothing (92); Antique & Gift Shop (88)
1949/1951:: Sunnyside Food Market (94); Ball Clothing (92); Antique & Gift Shop (88)
1954:: Sunnyside Food Market (94); Ball Clothing (92); Phil Dargan's Household Appliance's (88)
1956:: Sunnyside Food Market (94); Ball Clothing (92); The Smoke Shop (88)
1961:: Cunningham's Bakery (94); Ball Clothing (92); The Smoke Shop (88)
1963/1966:: Cunningham's Bakery (94); Ball Clothing (92); Gardiner's Shop (88)
1969:: A.C. Parkin's, jeweller (94); Ball Clothing (92); Gardiner's Shop (88)
1971:: A.C. Parkin's, jeweller (94); no entry (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1973:: A.C. Parkin's, jeweller (94); Pant's Plus (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1976:: vacant (94); Pant's Plus (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1980:: The House of Cheese (94); Pant's Plus (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1982:: Coppin's Gourmet (94); Pant's Plus (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1984:: The Jewel Box (94); Pant's Plus (92); Gardiner's Smoke Shop (88)
1988:: The Jewel Box (94); Pant's Plus (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)
2000:: The Jewel Box (94); no entry (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)
2009/2015:: The Jewel Box (94); Savvy, footwear (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)
2018:: The Jewel Box (94); vacant (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)
2021:: The Jewel Box (94); Simply Genuine, all natural beauty products (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)
2022:: The Jewel Box (94); Sensual Boutique (92); Brockville Smoke Shop (88)

(1895 & 1900 directories are a bit hard to follow in this section. This seems to be the line-up, will be looked into further.)

The Recorder newspaper had their last of several printing offices here early in the 20th century, from around 1892 to 1918. In 1918, the merger with The Evening Times took place to form The Recorder and Times. At that point, the merged paper took over the premises of The Times at 23 King St. West.

D.S. Wright (Daniel), confectionary, had a short lived business in this block in the mid 1890s. He lived at the Grand Central Hotel. Fred Kincaid worked here during this period.

There has been a smoke shop at #88 for almost 80 years, since around 1955. First 'The Smoke Shop', then 'Gardiner's Smoke Shop' and finally 'Brockville Smoke Shop', reflecting various owners through the years.

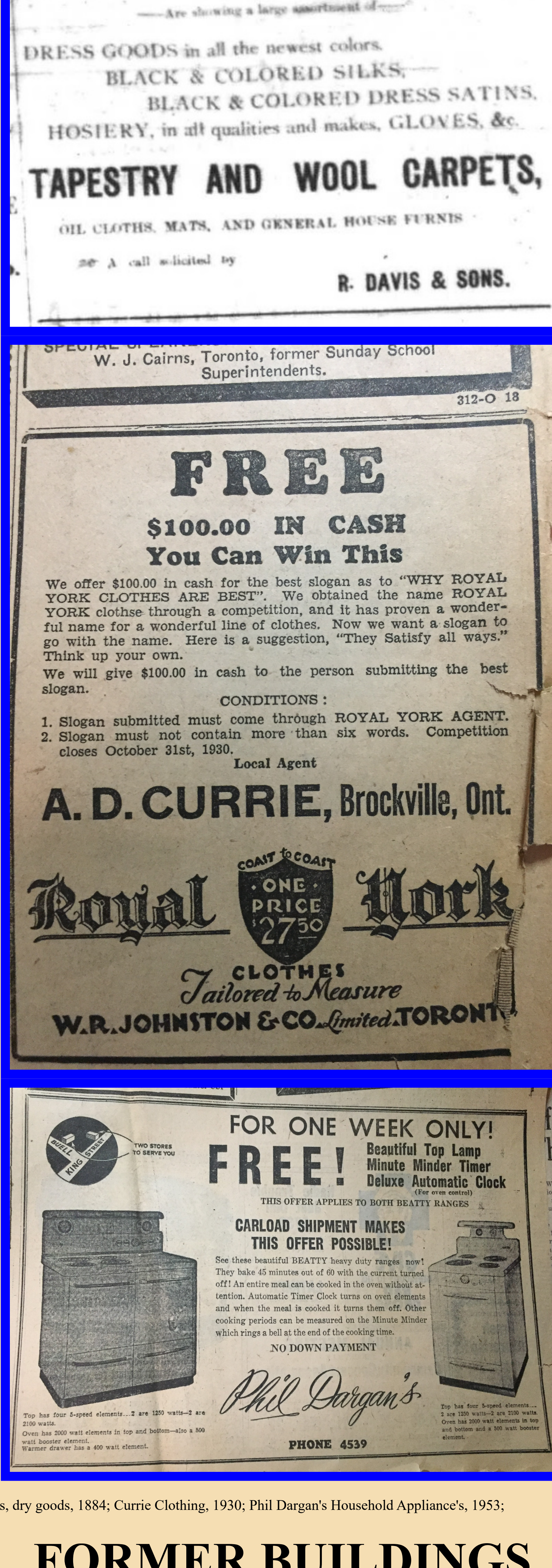
"The Jewel Box is a "family" owned and oriented full service jewellery store serving Brockville and the 1000 Islands for over 50 years," according to their website. They have been in this location since around 1983.

STOREFRONTS



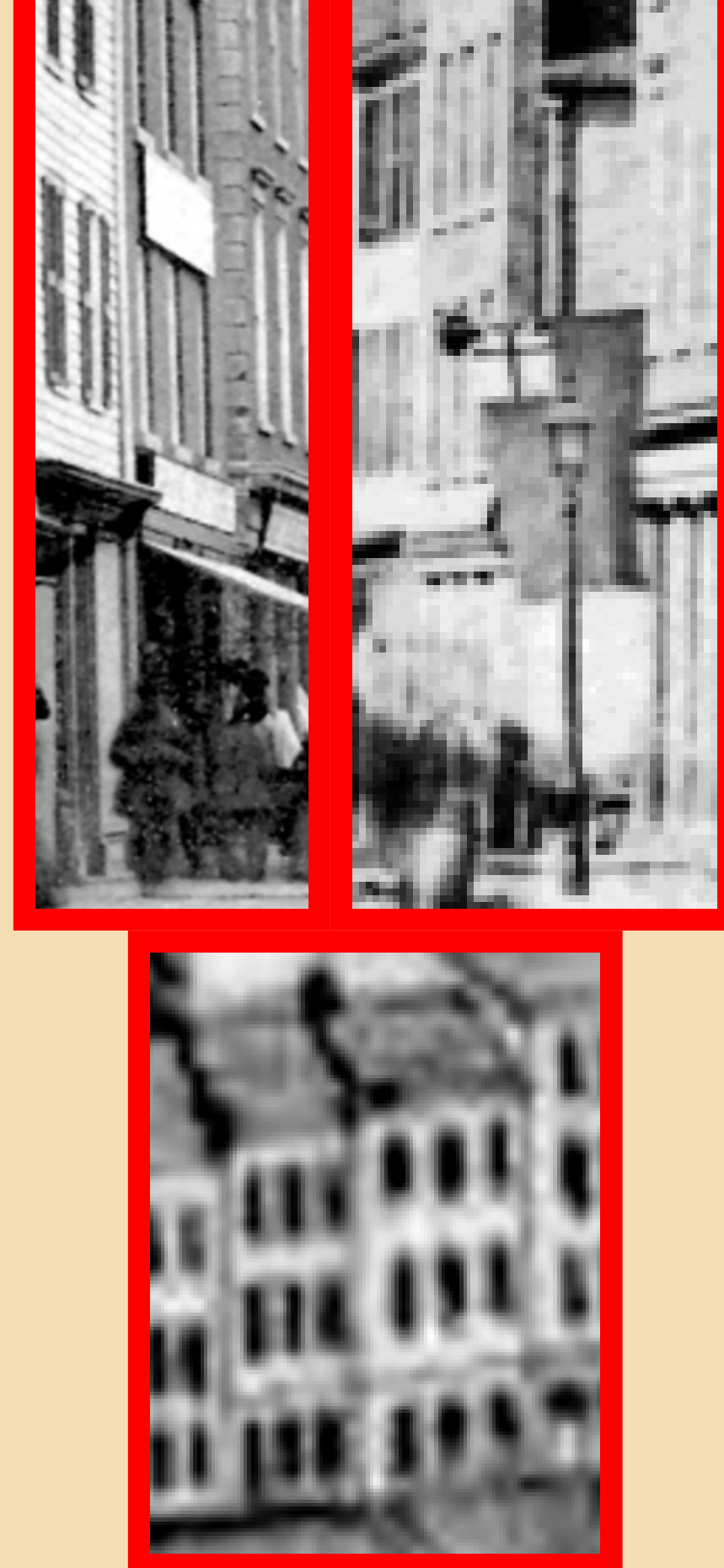
Plaid Moon; Savvy footwear; Simply Genuine beauty products; Sensual Boutique; Brockville Smoke Shop;

ADVERTISING



R. Davis & Sons, dry goods, 1884; Currie Clothing, 1930; Phil Dargan's Household Appliance's, 1953;

FORMER BUILDINGS



DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

1886:: M. White (left building); J.E. Chrysler, jeweller (right building);

1890:: G.W. Bishop, tailor (left building); Samuel Hooper, barber (right building);

Looking further back into this spot we see one building in 1866. On the left is the Turner Building. Looking closely, there seems to be space between it and the Metropolitan Block in the right. The building itself does not look anything like the current one. Eight years later, the Drawing map of 1874 shows two buildings in the spot. If this is correct, the building on the right was built after 1866. The current structure may have been erected in the 1880's. Why were they replaced when at least one was not much more than a decade old? There are many cases where tructures were modernized with new front faces. Could there have been a fire?