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LeBlanc's Cleaners

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## Joseph LeBlanc Feature

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Over one hundred years ago there came to Lewiston a young man born in Nicolet, Que., who ~~xxxxx~~ <sup>soon</sup> thereafter established a business that is still ~~xxxxx~~ <sup>operating</sup> here under the direction of his great-grandson. The founder of the business invented a time-saving process for the business that was adopted throughout the country.

When he wanted a car, he built it himself; having already been the first Lewiston resident to own a panel truck. The car he built was steam operated, a <sup>power</sup> process he had learned in ~~xx~~ the business he founded, and instead of a steering wheel, it was guided ~~xxxxx~~ by manipulating a curved stick. Photos of both the car and the truck are available to prove the man's skill; as well as the invention that he failed to patent but served many others in the same business.

And who was that man? He was named Joseph LeBlanc, one of eight children who failed to get much schooling, but he didn't lack in intelligence apparently, and his patience in obtaining the business training he felt ~~xxxx~~ necessary is proven by the several years he devoted to it prior to opening his own business in which his son, grandson and great-grandson all shared in turn in its direction. These last three were all named Alfred, and the grandson but recently retired, making way for his own son to direct the business.

Even during the lifetime of the founder, the business ~~xx~~ was incorporated, in 1909, and from thereon until the present fourth generation all male members of the family have served in the corporation.

When founded, the business was identified as the Lewiston Steam Dye House, but has since become identified solely as "LeBlanc's". <sup>Since</sup> ~~Through~~ its foundation, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ April 27, 1885, the firm has operated from several locations, notably on Main St., opposite the Empire theater until fire destroyed several adjoining buildings, and since then the firm has been on Lafayette St.





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## PRICE

TOTALS

Always the firm has grown until it not only serves the Lewiston-Auburn community, but many throughout the State, also in New England, and besides doing all the cleaning of uniforms and equipment for Canadian hockey teams....such an enterprise that the firm uses a large size solely Canadian truck for this ~~business~~ service.

**LABOR RECORD**

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ITEM NO. OR DESCRIPTION SALE

SUBLET REPAIRS

PAINT & MATERIALS

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SPEEDOMETER

DELIVERY DATE

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REPAIR ORDER-LABOR INSTRUCTIONS

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PHOTO

GRAPHIC

ANIMATION

3D

4K

8K

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TIME PROMISED

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LABOR CHARGE

AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION

LABOR MECH.

LABOR BODY SHOP

SUBLET REPAIRS

PARTS & ACCESS. - MECH.

PARTS & ACCESS. - BODY SHOP

TIRES

GAS, OIL, GREASE

PAINT MATERIAL

SHOP SUPPLIES

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