

waist line with baste, after being drawn up to get the amount of blouse or looseness desired.

After fitting alterations have been made and proven, make, finish and press the shoulder, underarm and sleeve seams. Finish opening down the front. The bottom of waist is finished next. If the material is not too heavy make the narrowest hem possible. If heavy, blanket stitching makes a good finish and avoids bulk. If so desired the bottom of waist may be trimmed at waist-line and a shaped peplum attached. This may be desirable with very stout figures. In some cases the extra fullness of the front only is cut away, sufficient of the material being left to smoothly take the place of part removed. The waist-line finish may be made according to individual taste.

Little Finishing Touches

Make collar, cuffs, pockets and any decorative straps or tabs and tack on to prove size and location. When attaching collar to blouse first pin centre back of collar to centre back of blouse then pin from this point to the front. Be careful that right and left sides of collar reach exactly the same point in front else the collar will be uneven. Never allow the collar to be held looser than the body when basting in position, if so it causes untidiness and lack of style. If collar or cuffs are larger than space allowed for them, make smaller from both ends. Put on buttons and make button holes or attach what other fasteners may be desired. Press thoroughly, especially along seam lines, being careful not to stretch. If woollen goods have been used press over a slightly dampened cloth.

The decoration of a shirt waist, if there be any, should be simple, trim and above all carry out the smartness emphasized in all its lines. The seams which should be either tailored, lapped or welted are in themselves decorative. Strappings in the form of bias bands or tabs are most appropriate. Decorative buttons may

be used when suited to material. For woollen goods, self covered buttons are in good taste. Anything worn at the throat in the form of a tie or pin should carry out the general scheme of costume.

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when the various companies would be working together and combining the great purchasing and selling power which they have already developed. It was the general feeling that in whatever federation or arrangement which might be arrived at in future, it would require that the provincial organizations retain intact their present power of conducting their own business. At the close of the discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas it is desirable to federate as closely as possible, the farmers' business organizations of Western Canada, in order that they may carry on their work with the highest degree of efficiency and avoid the development of possible rivalries and jealousy that could not fail to be injurious to the work of the organized farmers of Canada;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the shareholders of this company hereby express their approval of the principle of federating the various organizations referred to and urge the directors to take such steps as they think advisable to promote and carry out such applications."

On Thursday evening all the shareholders attended a banquet given by the company in the Fort Garry Hotel. The big banquet hall of the hotel was filled and a splendid dinner was enjoyed by all. The toastmaster of the banquet was President T. A. Cramer, and the speakers of the evening were: James Speakman, Calgary, Alta.; E. Carswell, Calgary, Alta.; J. B. Musselman, Moose Jaw, Sask.; C. A. Dunning, Regina, Sask.; R. C. Henders, Culross, Man.; J. J. Morrison, Arthur, Ont.; G. W. Gurney, Paris, Ont.; J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, Sask.; R. McKenzie, Winnipeg, Man.; Hon. Geo. Langley, Regina, Sask.; John Williams, M.P.P., Melita, Man.; G. F. Chipman, Winnipeg, Man.; H. B. Cowan, Peterboro, Ont.; J. S. Wood, Oakville, Man.; Alex. McCurdy, Winnipeg, Man.

This is the first time the company has had a banquet on the occasion of its annual meeting. It was, however, so thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present and the addresses were of such a high order that it is altogether likely that the banquet will become a regular feature of the annual meeting.

J. S. FIELD'S PRIZE WHEAT

In the report of the Western grain growers' successes at the International Soil Products Exposition at Denver, Colorado, which appeared in the October 13 issue of The Guide, a mistake was made giving the Mooney Seed Company credit for exhibiting the second prize wheat when actually this excellent wheat was grown and exhibited by J. S. Field on his farm near Regina. Representatives of the department of agriculture visited the Field farm while threshing was in progress and obtained a bag of wheat as it came from the machine. This grain was taken to the Mooney Seed Company's warehouse and there properly cleaned and expressed to the Soil Products Exposition, Denver, Colo. In the sack was placed a label bearing Mr. Field's name, but on its being opened and placed on exhibition for competition in Denver this was not found, and since the sack bore the Mooney Company's label the exhibit was placed and exhibited under this name.

Mr. Field's victory is remarkable on account of the fact that the grain which captured the award was not grown in a special plot, but was typical of a large field and received no preparation beyond being cleaned with the right kind of machinery.

A lance-corporal serving with the Army Pay Corps in France writes:—"German wit isn't what you would call over bright. Their favorite quip is to ask our men, 'How far is it to Tipperary now?' Our chaps stood it for a long time, but now they have a good answer, 'About half as far as to Calais.'"

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