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VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SHOP IS DYING OUT
Growing Popularity of Auto-
mobile Given As One
Reason.

"The village blacksmith shop" stands in imminent danger of passing out of existence in the towns and villages of Ontario, speakers at the ninth annual convention of the Master Horsehoes Association are reported as declaring in Toronto Monday.

Difficulty in securing labor and the growing popularity of the automobile are two reasons for the poor state of the blacksmithing business, it was stated. Few young men are interested in serving as blacksmith apprentices when they can get quicker advances by becoming automobile mechanics. It was decided at the convention to take in woodworkers, carriage builders and other trades and to change the name of the organization to the Master Horsehoes and Carriage Workers Association.

Local blacksmiths state that the opinions announced at the convention are conclusions which blacksmiths everywhere have reached. Both in town and country many blacksmiths are turning their shops into repair garages.

ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT
IN PLUMBING SITUATION

Provincial Housing Commission Not in Favor of "Simplified Plumbing."

As the result of a visit from a provincial housing commission inspector here, an interesting development in the plumbing situation has arisen. The special committee which a short time ago investigated the plumbing bylaw eliminated most of the venting requirements and went on record as favoring "simplified plumbing." A bylaw on these lines is at present in course of preparation, and plumbing work in general is being done on this principle.

Apparently the provincial housing commission is not in favor of "simplified plumbing." The inspector examined the houses being built by the local commission on Garfield avenue, and found that vents had been almost entirely eliminated. He declared that this was contrary to the rules of the provincial commission, and gave instructions that in the future vents were to be installed for all but the uppermost fixtures in the houses. He is said to have stated that eliminating vents only reduced the total cost of the contract about \$5.

During the discussion on the plumbing bylaw it was claimed that the reduction in cost to be effected by elimination of venting would be much greater than this.

THE POET BILL
HANDLES BEES

The Poet Bill has been having some exciting experiences "up the cowpath," more commonly known as the L. H. and B. Chief among them is the episode of the bees, which occurred on Saturday last, and which he recounted most volubly to The Advertiser staff this morning.

"Say, I had to beehive myself. There was no question at all about that. As far as I could make out, the bees were coming from Simcoe, five hives of them, and were to be put out of some place up the cowpath. Say, wasn't I scared! At first they kept in their hives, and I thought everything was going to be all right. But just as soon as we got up into Huron, they must have thought they had reached the land flowing with milk and honey. It was z-z-z-z by this ear and z-z-z-z by the other ear. z-z-z-z into the back of your neck, and z-z-z-z down your cuffs. They were at it with a hum and a drum-drum-drum until I was almost distracted. People say that a bee-sting is good for rheumatism. Believe me, I think I'd rather have the rheumatism. Let me tell you something. If you leave bees alone they'll probably do all right, but if you kill one or two of them! Suffering wildcats! You just have to get out, that's all there is to it."

"Finally, I thought of my window-boxes. By this time there were about 100 of the beggars loose. So I worked my way over towards the windows, and as luck was with me, they deserted me for the flowers. My next fear was that they would discover two little calves which were in crates at the other end of the car. If they had ever got hold of these poor little unfortunates it would have been 'good night.' But once they had found them, they remained stuck to the flowers."

"At one station a newsboy hopped on to ride with me for a while, as was his custom. But all I had to say was, 'get off—get off—get off.' He got out quicker than he got in. If the bees had ever scented his box of bonbons his best girl would have seen his face for good on Sunday."

"Everything went well until it was time to put the bees off. The top hives lifted off very easily, but holy light! when it came to these underbees. There was such a swarming of bees, which had been hiding behind worn mittens to the job. May he I wasn't scared! But I got through all right, as luck would have it. I don't know what happened to the beggars after that, but I tell you I was pretty glad to get rid of them."

Morganatic Wife
Still Holds Love
of Greece Ruler

Wedding Reported To Be Culmination of Boyhood Romance.

Paris, May 25.—King Alexander of Greece is reported here to have been married Monday to Mademoiselle Manos, daughter of a former aide de camp to his father, King Constantine. The Greek legation in Paris has refused to confirm or deny this report.

King Alexander's marriage is said to have been the culmination of a boyhood friendship, and occurred before he was in a direct line to the throne, and while his chances of succeeding his father appeared most remote.

The king and his wife are living at the same hotel here, and yesterday went to Versailles, where they lunched together and visited the gardens.

Reports here impute the king's visit to Paris to a desire on the part of the premier Velizelos of Greece for a separation of the king from his reputedly morganatic wife, so that he may marry a princess of royal blood. The king is said to have left Athens quite in accord with his premier's point of view, but is declared to have undergone a change of mind since his arrival here.

The marriage ceremony, it is asserted, was performed by a priest of the Greek Church, but was not recorded with the metropolitan of Athens, the supreme ecclesiastical authority in Greece. This is the explanation for the fact that no record of the ceremony is available.

GENERAL STRIKE STARTS
IN CITY OF MADRID

Madrid, May 25.—A general strike, affecting all trades, was started yesterday in Barcelona as a protest against the detention of prisoners who have been on a hunger strike in the jail here for several days, according to dispatches. All stores are closed, no newspapers are being published, and electric light wires have been cut. No disturbances are as yet reported.

Summer Dresses

LIKE a garden of flowers, row upon row of new frocks have arrived, each rivalling the next in beauty of coloring and daintiness. There are soft voiles in misty designs, smart with pretty collars and cuffs, flutings and ruffles. Frocks which hint at garden parties and dances. Dresses suitable for countless occasions from the simple dress to the most graceful of basque and bouffant frock. The summer gowns are here.

BEAUTIFUL DRESSES OF FLOWERED GEORGETTE

These embody every new touch of fashion—the deep flounce, short sleeves, surplice waist, side panels, etc.

Misses or Small Women's Dress shown in figured georgette, short sleeves, yoke of net, skirt shows two deep flounces with corded tucks and heading, sash of ribbon velvet, button trimmings finishing waist, made over silk; color, copen and rose \$67.50

Very handsome Woman's Dress of flowered georgette, white with orchid blue and gold colorings, surplice waist, short sleeves, skirt very prettily draped over silk, girdle of ribbon finishing waist. Price \$90.00

Dress of foulard silk and georgette, pretty draped waist of silk, short sleeves of georgette, skirt shows side panels of georgette with silk flounce, draped back; colors, black or brown. Price \$98.00

Other very interesting styles in navy, copen, black, tan, in georgettes and foulards.

WHITE DRESSES FOR GRADUATION

WHITE DRESSES IN GEORGETTES, CREPE DE CHINE AND NET.

Very Pretty Dress of White Georgette, with taffeta trimmings, elbow sleeves, dainty ruching finishing blouse, sleeves and skirt, crush girdle with sash ends. Price \$69.00
Dress of White Crepe de Chine, short sleeves, round neck, very pretty tucked skirt. Price \$55.00

Dress of White Georgette Over Silk, short sleeves, closing in back, tunic with five tucks over hips, cuff on skirt daintily caught with flowers, girdle of silver tinsel ribbon. Price \$75.00

White Georgette Dress Over Silk, round neck, short sleeves, closing in back, panel of heavily-embroidered net finishing front and back, girdle of silver tinsel ribbon. Price \$59.00

White Crepe de Chine Dress, short sleeves, round neck, closing at side, button trimming finishing blouse, tunic style skirt, tunic and skirt made with deep tucks, soft crush girdle. Price \$50.00

MODISH NEW WHITE SKIRTS

NEWEST VERSIONS IN GABARDINE AND SATINETTE.

If you are going away you will want one of these skirts; it will be ready to serve you on many occasions, and so it as you please, a tubbing will make it good as new; all the style touches are in evidence—slash pockets, points, buttons, etc.

White Satinette Skirt, made two-piece style, fullness at back, with detachable belt, the novelty slash pockets on either side has silk and button-trimmed overlap. Price \$12.95

Satinette Skirt, made with detachable belt fastenings with buttons, the patch pockets have button-trimmed overlay. Price..... \$12.50

Fine White Gabardine Skirt is trimmed with three folds at bottom, the deep slash pockets extending from belt, is finished with tucks and two large buttons, tucked and button trimmed, detachable belt at waist. Price \$10.50

Fine White Gabardine Skirt is trimmed with clusters of pin tucks at bottom, the novelty slash pockets have pointed overlap, button trimmed belt has tucked overlap in front finished with large pearl buttons. Price \$8.75

Gabardine Skirt is trimmed on hips with narrow tucking and pockets with overlap, front is plain cut with fullness at back, detachable belt at waist, button trimmed. Price \$12.50

Another model of White Gabardine, two-gored model with fullness at waist, belt fastens at side with pearl buttons, slash pockets on either side trimmed with tucks and pearl buttons. Price \$10.50

White Gabardine Skirt has fancy pointed patch pockets, trimmed with silk stitching, the detachable belt fastens in front with pearl buttons. Price \$8.75

No tax on skirts.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT TAX ON LUXURIES

There are certain lines of merchandise sold in this store which are listed in this class, as you have no doubt already informed yourself from details published in the newspapers, but the greater portion of goods sold by us is free from this tax—the more staple and medium-priced lines. We are required by the Government to collect where tax is levied and show amount of tax on bill separate from the price of goods, making return of same twice monthly to Ottawa.

Refunds—In case of goods being returned for refund, the tax will also be refunded, but it will be necessary to return the bill for Government record and check-up.

Mail order customers are asked to please observe this new tax and add same when remittance is made.

WHITE DRESSES IN VOILE AND GABARDINE

For summer one wants at least one white dress; it must be smart, comfortable in weight and practical of fabric. These new modes suit the moment in every detail.

Fine White Gabardine Dress, the deep-pointed cuffs and collar are trimmed with hemstitching, waist is made in the effect with hemstitched vestee, skirt is joined to waist at hips and finished with novelty pockets. Price \$20.00

Another Fine White Gabardine Dress, very smartly braided on skirt, waist and collar, the sleeve is also braided and shows the new abbreviated length, tie girdle of self at waistline. Price \$20.00

Fine White Voile Gown, has deep side overskirt trimmed at bottom with novelty tucking, the vestee in front and deep-pointed cuffs finished with tucks and pearl buttons, girdle of self. Price \$20.00

Very dainty model of Fine White Voile trimmed with a profusion of guipure insertion, while same forms girdle at waist, finished bow at back; this gown fastens at back with white crochet buttons, the short kimono sleeve and round neck is finished with dainty ribbon. Price \$21.00

A very Frilly Gown of Fine White Voile, skirt has three ruffles, while corresponding ruffle trims sleeve, the vestee and deep collar, which extends in front to waist, is finished with rows of val lace. Price \$18.50

A very dainty gown of sky voile, deep lace ruffle trims around neck, sleeves and pointed overskirt; bottom of skirt is trimmed with narrow tucking; this garment fastens at back with pearl buttons, corded girdle of white. Price \$25.00

Peach Voile Dress has three-quarter set-in sleeve with deep-pointed cuff trimmed with novelty tucking; the deep panels at sides of skirt is finished at bottom with bade hand of tucking; waist is made plain with vestee of tucks. Price \$20.00

Dainty Maize Voile Gown, waist is trimmed with ruffle and pearl buttons; the abbreviated sleeve has deep cuff with narrow ruffles at edge; the overskirt on skirt has deep cuff at bottom and finished with narrow ruffle. Price \$20.00

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CONFERENCE PLANNED TO INCREASE TRADE BETWEEN COUNTRIES

Ottawa, May 25.—Canadian Press.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce; Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance; Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of customs, and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, will represent the Dominion Government at the conference with West Indies representatives which opens in Ottawa Monday next. A result of the conference, it is expected, will be a large increase in the volume of trade between

Canada and the West Indies. Two subjects will be primarily before the conference:

1. Renewal and extension of the existing reciprocal preference.
2. Improved transportation facilities.

APPLICATION IS DENIED.
New York, May 25.—The application of 1,400 stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the appointment of a limited receiver to prosecute the corporation's right of action against the board of directors, formerly headed by Wm. Rockefeller, for the restitution of approximately \$100,000,000, alleged to have been wasted by the board in improper purchases, was

CLEMENCEAU SENDS DETROIT MANAGER A TIGER'S CLAW

New York, May 25.—A tiger's claw, a "luck token," from Georges Clemenceau, former premier of France, was received yesterday by Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers. Detroit defeated New York, 3 to 1.

"I judge we couldn't help winning with such a 'fix-chase,'" commented Jennings, after the game.

SUGAR COMPANY AND FIVE OTHERS INDICTED

Pittsburg, Pa., May 25.—Charged with having collected unjust and unreasonable prices for sugar, the Standard Sugar Company and five individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury here yesterday.

BROMPTON STRIKE ENDS.
Sherbrooke, Que., May 25.—The strike at the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company's plant at Bromptonville, which has been in progress for a month, terminated this morning when the men

returned to work at the company's terms. A representative of the labor department visited Bromptonville and strongly advised the men to return to work.

LEFT \$1,996,433 ESTATE.
Hamilton, May 25.—William D. Long, formerly of Long & Bishop, left an estate of \$1,996,433, according to the will filed here today for probate. The entire estate goes to his sister, Mrs. Jane A. Bishop. Mr. Long during his lifetime was noted for his philanthropic works. He took a great interest in the mountain sanatorium, and it was largely through his generous gifts that the institution has proven such a success.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PRICES QUOTED FOR FALL NURSERY STOCK

Hamilton, May 25.—Four principal varieties of nursery stock took a new high record today, when quotations for fall and next spring deliveries were issued. The advance is from 15 to 20 per cent on the prices quoted some months ago for fall delivery. The stock is not to be had, hence, the high prices.

VAUDEVILLE COMMITS SUICIDE.
New York, May 25.—Albert Schumann, known on the vaudeville stage for many years as "Harry Thompson," the mayor

of the Bowery," committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself at his home in Brooklyn. He was 63 years of age, and had been on the stage for more than 35 years.

SINCLAIR UNCOMMUNICATIVE.
Toronto, May 25.—W. E. N. Sinclair, member of South Ontario, refused to say anything today regarding his bill to amend the Ontario companies act which has been the subject of letters to the premier and members of the Legislature by Miss Margaret P. Harrison and John H. Henson, Dunnville.

The amendment covers telephone companies, and the giving rights to holders of preference stock of voting at meetings.