

Another memory test. Remember when millinery was an art? When Nancy Mitchell had a shop on Kent Street and had a staff making all kinds of funny fancy hats? Bonnets were in fashion with the expensive hats decked out with black beads. For years past these beads have been collector's items. Steel beads and black ebony articles bring big prices, as do all kinds of buttons. Buttons were once manufactured by a man named Wallace who had a small factory on Bond Street, east of William Street. Cloth covered buttons and steel buttons are rare. Why not dig out the old button box and keep them or sell to a collector.

Remember the days when the tailors and tailoresses were in demand. They made dresses and hats for ladies, first they were small and then large hats came into style. Remember Miss Bannen and Miss Nancy Mitchell as milliners? Miss Bannen had a shop on William Street north, now Carl Brown's jewelry store, and Miss Mitchell a shop over the present Graham's Bakery. Dundas and Flavelle's store now Walker's, had a millinery department, as did Sutcliffe's, now Zellers.

Langdon's meat and grocery store is to become a Chinese restaurant. Remember when the Lyceum silent picture house was located a bit west of this store? It was started by a man named Lamb, a brother of Mrs. Harry W. Peirce and later was operated by Hi Meehan. Remember when Vivian Laidlaw sang popular songs of the day in this movie house and Dora Roenigk was the pianist? Later W. H. Roenigk and Hi Meehan established themselves in the Academy Theatre building?

Remember when Alex Paton operated a School of Telegraphy in a large barren room in the front second storey of the Academy? There was a large class learning how to operate the tickers and the Morse code. At one time Dr. Frank Crichton had an optical

parlor in the south front of the building. Calvert's butcher shop in north front of the Academy Theatre was followed by Percy Hill, florist.

Many years ago a tight wire walker lost his life when he attempted to walk the wire which stretched from the Royal Hotel to the Academy, where the man was to give a performance.