

## NEW BUSINESS

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Garden House Perennials at 22 King St. E. in Cobourg, is expanding. Gord Mills and Lana Taylor hadn't been in their new business long before they realized it wasn't big enough to meet their needs. They wanted to grow plants. There was no room to expand at their little store in the downtown core.

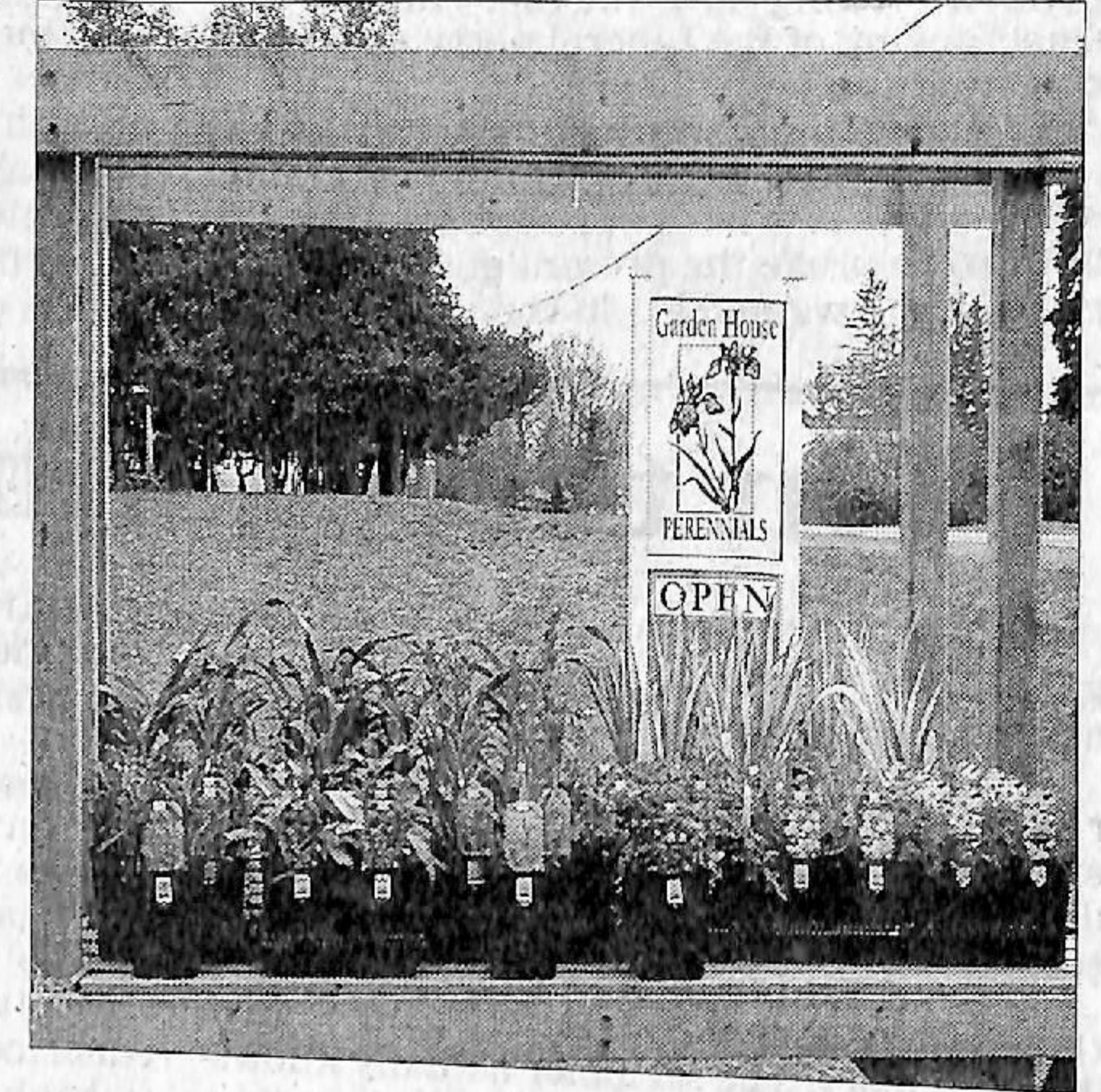
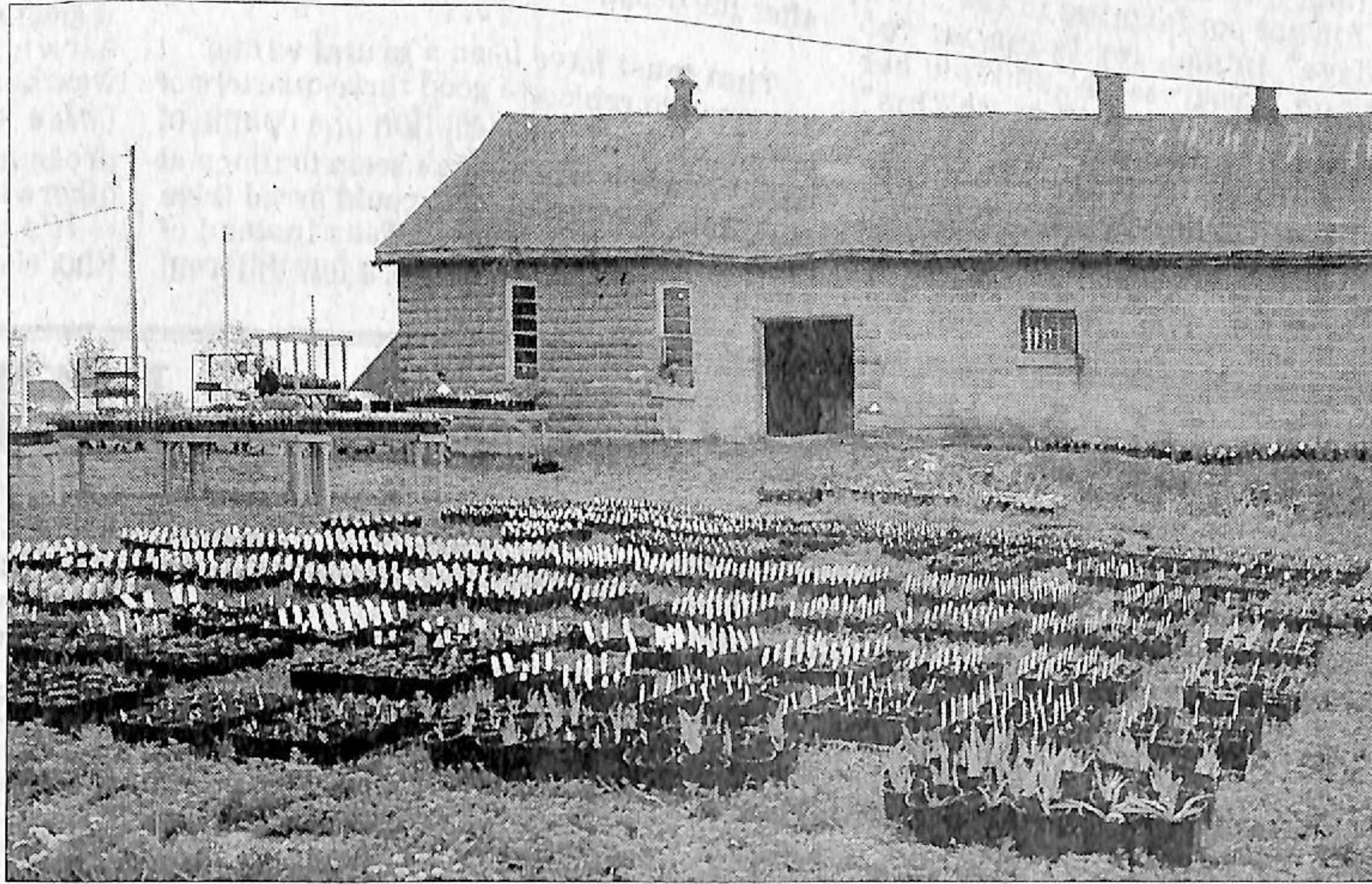
They've found that space in the hamlet of Morganston in Cramahe Township at an abandoned cheese factory. They now have space to grow their plants and produce the stock they need for their Cobourg store.

The couple commuted past the building on their way in to the Garden House during the Spring of 2004. Lana decided the empty block building would make a great garden centre, and she set out to make it happen.

She took the 911 number off the pole in front of the building and went to the Cramahe Township offices in Colborne to find the name of its owners.

Gord says the owners were surprised to get her call asking what they were planning for the building. They said it wasn't for

# Rural/urban branches for Garden House



It was grand opening day for the Garden House at its new Morganston location. The plant business now has two stores to serve customers.

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sale, but offered to show her the house located on the same acreage.

Last summer they showed the couple the property and asked what they planned to do.

Gord suggested they rent the old factory for the plants and rent

the house for their own use. It seemed logical as it would also move them closer to their Cobourg store.

The partners agreed to let Lana and Gord know their intentions in a week. When that didn't happen, Lana got back on the

phone. The owners wouldn't rent them the property, but they'd sell it.

A week later the couple were moved into the renovated two-storey frame home on the north side of the hamlet. That was last September.

Last Saturday they held their grand opening at their new location. The back field is jammed with pots of perennials, and the adventure is underway.

They have plans to fix up the factory and they're here to stay.