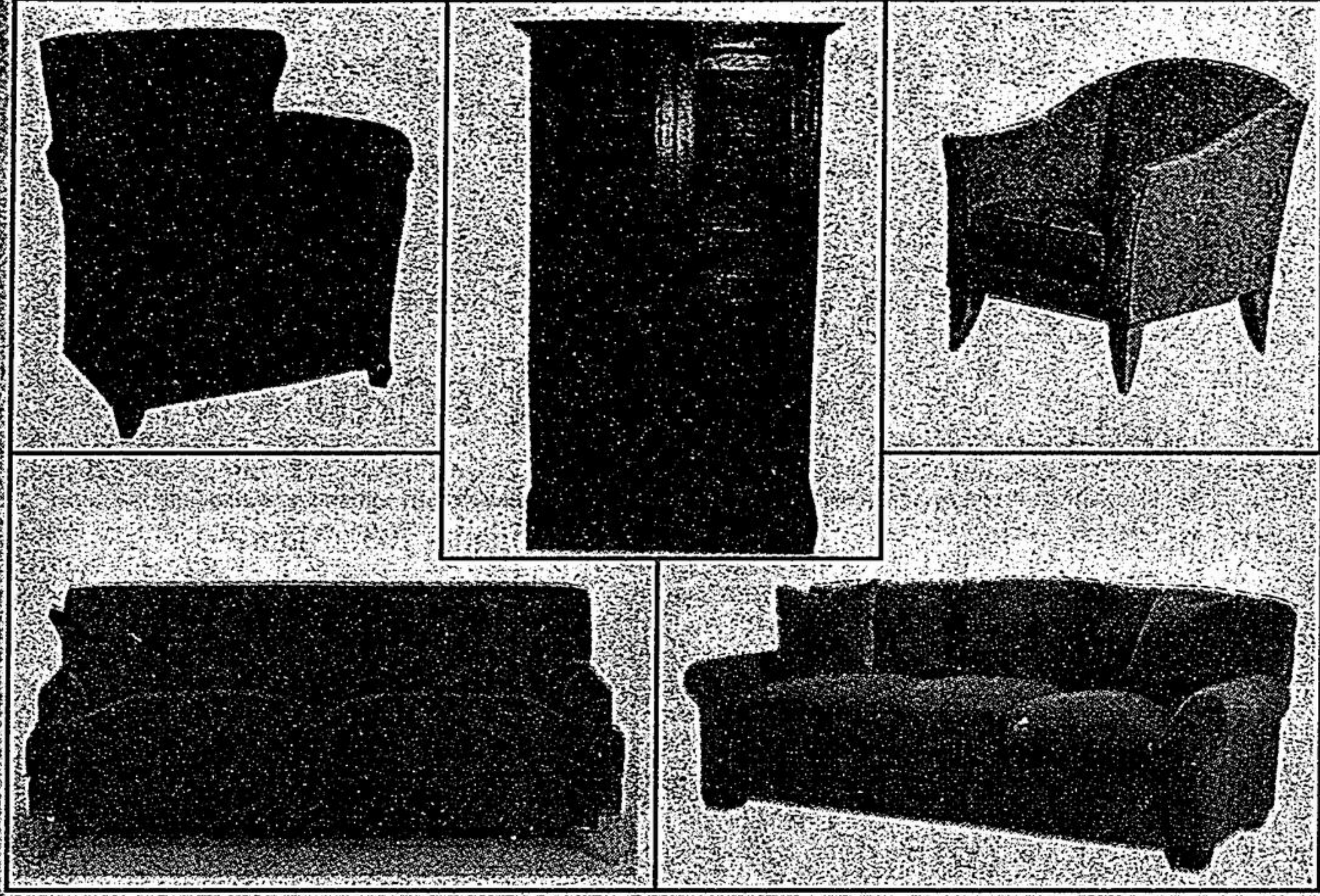


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# TOTAL HOME

## On-line

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Just click and the latest news in home improvement, decorating, gardening and lifestyle is yours with the launch of Total Home Online today.

Not only can you read home and garden articles in The Economist & Sun/The Era-Banner/The Liberal, you can now visit yorkregion.com's Total Home Online for more articles and advice that's updated daily.

Total Home Online is an exciting opportunity to link our newspapers with online users, as well as increase the array of information and services we bring to our readers, York Region Newspaper Group publisher Ian Proudfoot said.

The York Region Newspaper Group has partnered with e-commerce experts CityXpress, a leading provider of online special sections, on this venture at a time when Canadians' use of the Internet has skyrocketed threefold over the past five years in every age group.

Each time you visit the website, you'll find new easy-to-read articles — from fertilizing your roses or decorating a room in island tropical, the latest in interior design trends, to winning the weed battle or cooking with your children. You can also search the archive, where a virtual library of home and gardening information is available.

A complete directory of related York Region businesses is also included in the package of information online.

"Many of our advertisers and local businesses were quick to recognize the value of this new initiative, which has certainly added excitement to the launch of Total Home Online," Proudfoot said.

For instance, Lansing will be giving away a \$500 gift certificate — which can be redeemed at its store for anything from lumber to patio sets and barbecues — each month for the next six months. Simply visit www.yorkregion.com and click on Total Home Online, where you will be entered in the monthly draw by filling out a short questionnaire.

Some local businesses are also highlighted in premier listings — many with website links — and kiosks providing information about products and services available locally, as well as special online offers and discounts.

We welcome your feedback on Total Home Online and look forward to your suggestions.

## Solariums and sunrooms make a great addition for summer

Home improvement projects are in full swing as homeowners work to expand, enhance and beautify their homes.

One of the more popular home improvement projects today is the addition of a solarium or a sunroom. Solariums come in many shapes, sizes and styles, and have many practical benefits. Increased living space is one obvious benefit, but solariums also add a striking visual element to a home and are known to increase a home's value.

Energy efficiency is another strong reason to consider installing a solarium. New glass technology with UV protective coatings offer protection from sun damage to skin or furniture without compromising the light coming inside.

A solarium is also the one room in the home that can be used for almost any purpose. Some of the uses include home spa, home office, exercise room, child's play room, library, breakfast

nook or outdoor den. These all-glass rooms can be installed to enclose an existing porch or deck, or can be added onto a home.

Since glass makes up over 90% of the roof and walls of a solarium, the choice of glass will likely be your most important decision. When designing a solarium, there are many types of glass available, such as tinted glass, heat mirror glass, low-E, triple panes and polycarbonate plastic coatings. Every performance glass has its special properties, and before you make a decision, consider requirements such as privacy, ultraviolet ray protection, aesthetics, heating economy and energy efficiency.

Whether you choose wood or aluminum construction, both curved beam and straight eave designs are available with many options that include wiring for home offices or video entertainment, advanced door-locking systems, slider or swing doors, operable roof panels, ventilating fan and more.



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