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Sunny, warmer

High today 14, Low tonight 0. Spring-like conditions should continue today and tomorrow. Generally sunny.

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Rick Rubin stands in oak-paneled kitchen that is now part of living area.

Utility first in open-plan kitchen

The owner of a Westmount house felt isolated from the rest of the household when working in her fully enclosed kitchen.

In order to remedy this feeling of claustrophobia, she had the kitchen and dining area joined together into one hospitable open space.

After the renovation work,

the new kitchen with a step-saving galley design.

In harmony with the formal mood of the new family and dining room, the utilitarian kitchen is wrapped in oak panelling. However, behind this facade there is clinical, white work area with a rounded wood lath ceiling that is reminiscent of an old-fashioned rolltop desk.

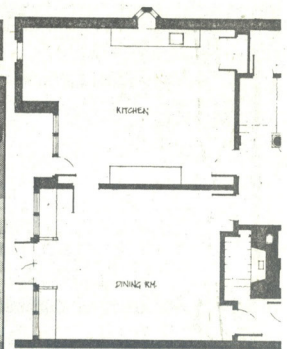
Tucked behind the back wall of the kitchen is a large walk-in storage pantry.

All the surfaces in the kitchen have a laminate finish that's easy to keep fresh and clean.

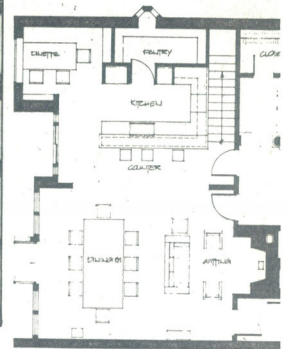
Specially built for the eating counter are stools that convert easily into step ladders which are used to reach the open storage shelves.



White laminated kitchen constructed in galley design.



Before: Kitchen completely enclosed.



After: An open-plan work centre.

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