

# Credit Indian History is Conservation Report Item

These summer days one frequently sees Indians working on the market gardens throughout the Credit Valley watershed. Many of them are migratory workers, who winter on Georgian Bay reservations. A great many are descendants of Indians who once lived in this area the year around.

An interesting account of the first Indians to occupy the Credit Watershed is given by V. B. Blake, who contributed the historical section of the Credit Valley Conservation Report. This comprehensive background book was compiled by

a research staff assigned by the Department of Planning and Development, immediately prior to the formation of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority about three years ago.

Mr. Blake writes that the earliest inhabitants of the watershed belonged to those prehistoric races (called the pre-Iroquoian) which left evidence of their presence in many widely separated parts of Ontario.

It does not appear they occupied the Credit area at all extensively, he states. At any rate, they have

left few traces behind them. It is unlikely they neglected to use the region for hunting and fishing, for the salmon and deer must have been as attractive to them as they were to later tribes who used the area.

Small sites and surface finds of pre-Iroquoian origin have been found in the southern part of Peel county, but at present these do not constitute evidence of any large scale occupation.

It would seem natural, Mr. Blake pointed out, that the flats of the Credit and its salmon fisheries should have led the peoples of the Iroquoian language group to occupy the area in the 16th century, and it is quite possible they did so.

But when Champlain reached the land of the Hurons in 1615, and began to collect information about the Great Lakes regions, he seems to have heard of no tribes occupying the north shore of Lake Ontario east of the country of the Neutrals and directly south of the Hurons and Petuns. Champlain knew of a river in the northwest and flowing southeast into Lake St. Louis (Ontario) between the Humber and the west end of the lake. He shows such a stream on his map of 1632, but on this map he places no villages on the north shore near "Lake St. Louis." This may have been due to Iroquois pressure, and there have been various speculations as to the tribes living in the area before arrival of the French. On the strength of a tradition of the Petun or Tobacco nations, it has been supposed that this people lo-



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(The history of Credit Valley Indians will be continued in future columns.)

# Sugar and Spice

Dispersed by HILL SMILEY of the Warton Echo

Something that has been swishing around in my mind for a long time was crystallized when I read of the overwhelming reception the people of Chicago had given the Queen, during her visit here.

I think it's time we shook off our selfishness, did the fair thing, and offered to let the United States become part of Canada. It's downright hogwash for a measly 17 million Canadians to be sitting here in this big, fat, wealthy country, while 150 million neighbors are crowded into a much smaller area that is practically depleted of natural resources.

It's like a miser, with a million in the bank, sitting all alone in his great big house, too cheap to spend the fuel to warm it, while his happy-go-lucky cousin, who has spent his inheritance, lives in a trailer with ten kids and has to work like a demon just to keep them all fed and warm and clothed.

Aside from the selfishness angle, it would make sense. If we took in the States, Canada would be the biggest country in the world. Follow that up with 20 years of wide-open immigration, and we'd have half of Europe over here. Then we could look those Chinese and Russians right in the eye and say: "Slow down Buster, or you'll get a fat lip."

There's never been any real animosity between the two nations, so there'd be no trouble that way. Oh they've tried to grab an odd few hundred thousand square miles

of ours, in border disputes, but that was before we became a nation in our own right, and they haven't taken an inch since. They tried to conquer the country, back in 1812, but made a botch of it.

Anyway, most of our ancestors were hoisting spuds in Ireland, stealing cattle in Scotland, or pulling the forelock to the squire in England when that was going on. Since then, aside from the Fenian raids, a typical Irish farce, the only attempt at invasion has been not with guns, but with dollars, and we welcomed them with open arms.

Some of our people are descended from United Empire Loyalists, and they'd probably want some compensation, but that could be handled. We'd merely give them back the land their forefathers fled, or were run out of, and all would be forgiven. Of course, most of that land is in and around New York City and runs, they tell me, as high as two or three hundred dollars an acre. As recompense to the dispossessed of Wall St. and Madison Avenue, we'd give them ten square miles of tundra for each acre of N.Y. real estate. That's fair enough, surely.

Politically, there'd be no problem. Instead of having ten provinces, we'd have 59 or 60. It would be a dire blow to Texans to learn that they were numbered among the middle-sized provinces. But think what fun it would be at a Provincial-Federal tax conference, with 59 provinces demanding justice from Honest John, or whoever was Prime Minister.

Of course, if they were allowed in, the Americans would have to change their habits. No more walking into a drugstore and saying: "Gimme a fifth of bourbon." They would have to line up like good Canadians, consult the hieroglyphics, present their permits, and buy it from the government, with proper humility and gratitude for the privilege.

No more of those easy divorces. They'd have to learn that in Canada, it doesn't matter if your husband is a drunk, a wife-beater, insane or has deserted you. You still can't get rid of him unless he's an adulterer and you can prove it.

Mind you, I don't think we should just open the border and let them come trampling in here to wallow in our wealth and culture. That would spoil them right off the bat. And besides, they wouldn't appreciate it if they got it for nothing. No, I'd charge them a nominal sum, say \$100 a head. That would retire Canada's national debt. Of course we'd have to take on the U.S. national debt, but we'd immediately repudiate it, and start off with a clean slate.

It might be a little hard on the U.S. farmers who are making so much money in subsidies for not growing stuff that they've retired. But we could relocate them in the muskeg, and put them to killing mosquitoes.

Of course, there'd be the question of where to put the millions who flocked north when they saw the gates opened. Personally, I'd have it in the agreement that the first 50 million of them would be settled north of a line from Hudson Bay due west to the Rockies. That would keep out the carpet-baggers and open up the north. And we'd feel a lot safer with 50 million Yanks between us and the Russkies.

I can really see no hitch in the plan. We use the same currency. We both speak English, though they'd have to become bilingual, like us, and able to toss off asides in French like "Papa est encore dans la maison du chien."

And just think, there would be free trade, and those things dearest to our hearts — our cars, our liquor and our smokes — would be a lot cheaper.

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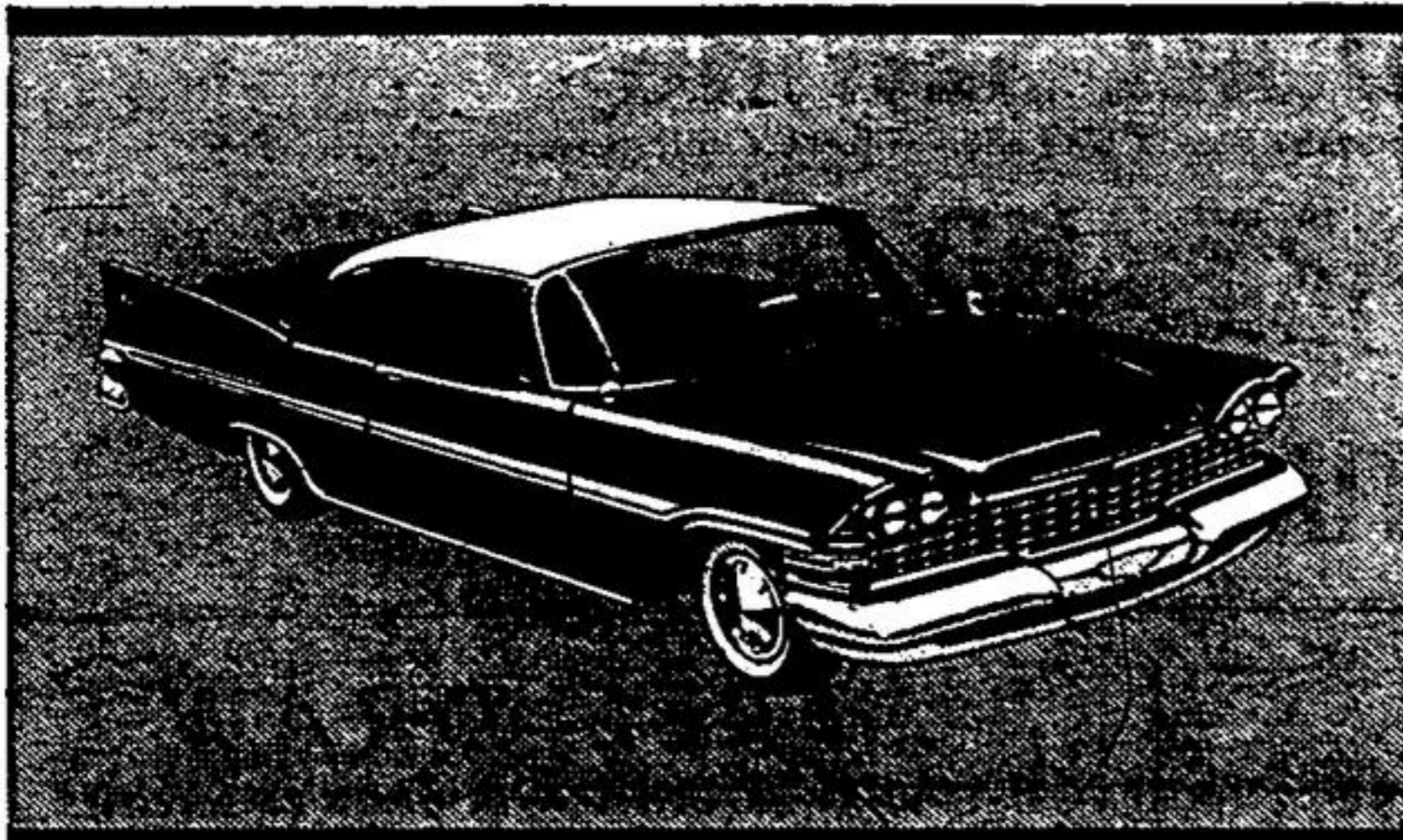
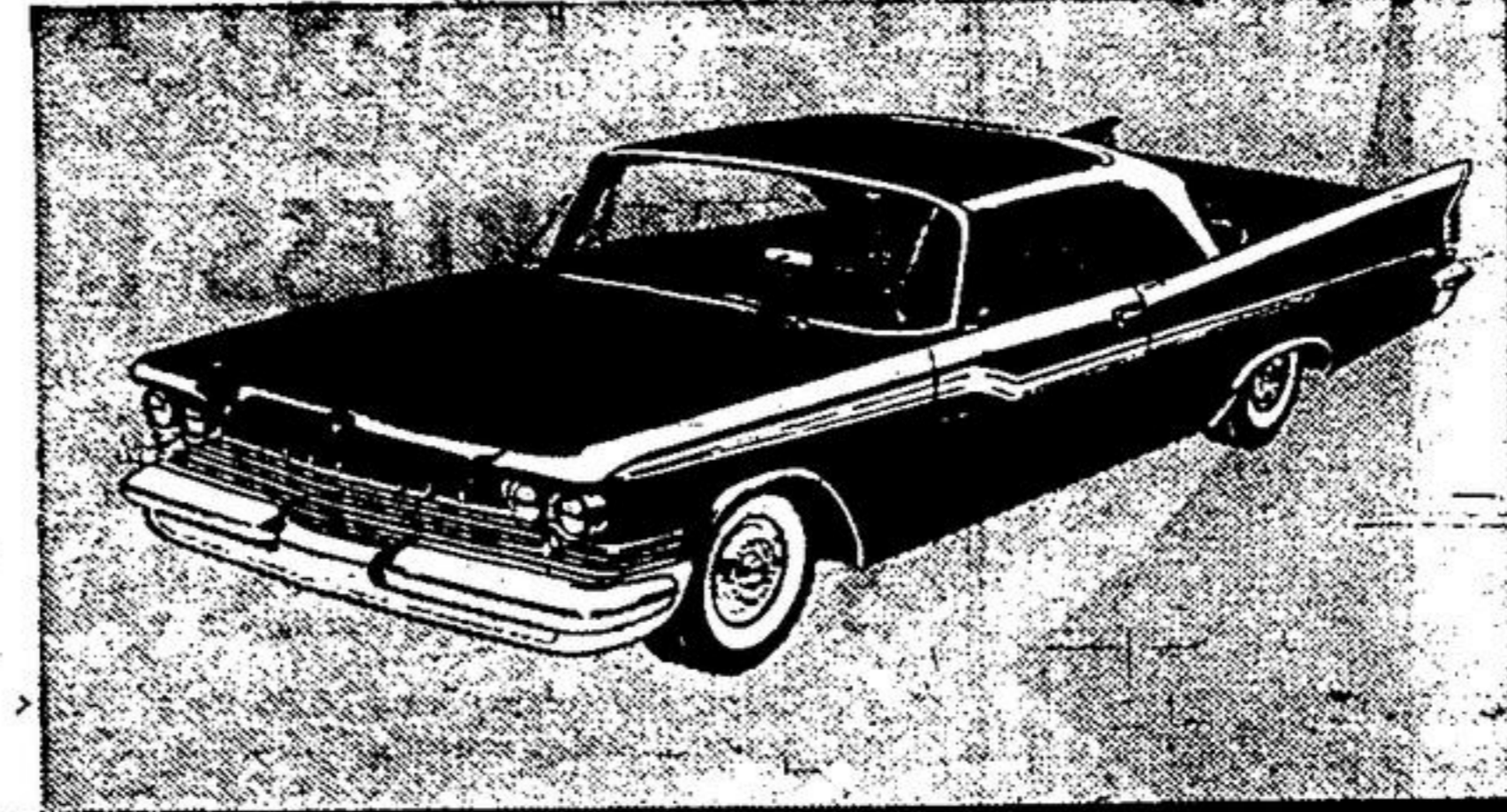
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