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**MINING ASSOCIATION  
FAVOURS MINING COURT**

The Ontario Mining Association is on record as favouring the creation of a Mining Court for Ontario as outlined by the Bill brought before the present session of the Legislature by Mr. Chas. McCrea, M.P.P., Sudbury. In this the Mining Association expresses the very general opinion of the people of the North Land. The Mining Commissioner has done unusually effective work for equity, mining and the North Land generally and all this with improperly restricted authority. For the fullest usefulness the Commissioner should have the status as well as the responsibilities of a judge. The court should be a court in fact as well as in name. Mining Commissioner Godson is a lawyer of outstanding ability with a very wide knowledge of mining law and procedure and with a long and successful experience in adjusting difficulties arising from mining cases. There is perhaps no one who has the same expert knowledge of all phases of the mining acts, rules and regulations. In supporting the proposal that the Mining Commissioner be made a Judge in name as well as in responsibility, the Ontario Mining Association gives the following reasons for upholding Mr. McCrea's bill:—1—It provides a Judge who is familiar with mining conditions and requirements in a new country. 2—It permits disputes to be tried on the ground where witnesses to cover any points raised in argument are immediately available and without unnecessary expense. 3—The status of Judge places the Commissioner above possible interference from the Department and outside the influence of political expediency (though there is no suggestion that the present Commissioner has been or is likely to be interfered with or influenced in any way). In this connection it may be noted that the general opinion is that the Mining Commissioner has always been fair, fearless, unbiased and just, but the status of a Court would still further increase the confidence of the public. 4—Appeals from the Mining Court would still be possible in the usual way. Another important point to be considered is the increased high standing that would be enjoyed by a "Court" and a "Judge" in those cases where one or both parties are citizens of a country other than Canada. There are many concerned in mining in Ontario who are citizens of the United States or other foreign countries.

With the respect in which Canadian courts and judges are held outside, a Mining Court would have the standing the Commissioner deserves and that would benefit his work. On the other hand the present status of a "Commissioner" is very liable to leave the impression that the procedure will be more or less under the influence of the Government or the Department. As a matter of fact there has been no case of interference or influence from the Department so far as known. But this fact only impresses the suggestion that there is no fair reason why the Department should not give all support to the proposal that the Commissioner be made a Judge and the Court a Court in name as well as in responsibility.

**800 CLAIMS RECORDED  
AT SWASTIKA THIS YEAR**

Up to date for this year there have been over 800 claims recorded at the recording office at Swastika. These 800 claims recorded embrace an area of a total of about 30,000 acres of mining land. About 300 of the recorded claims are in connection with the placer rush in the Matheson district. The other 500 claims are scattered through the district, including Kirkland Lake, Munro, Lightning River, Bourkes, Larder Lake, Sesekinika and Skead sections. All through these areas staking is said to have been lively this year.

**SUSPENSION OF ROY  
WORTERS HAS BEEN LIFTED**

According to the despatches last week, the suspension of Roy Worters, former goal tender of the Porcupine Hockey team, has been lifted by the A.A.U. of C. upon the recommendation of the N.O.H.A. Worters was suspended at the end of the 1920-1921 season and has been out of hockey during all the season just passed. He was also debarred from baseball and other sports on account of the loss of his amateur card. The count on which he lost his card was his connection with the alleged attempt to "fix" the last game in the 1920-1921 season hockey between Porcupine and the Falls teams. It is understood that Worters is to play baseball this summer in Toronto with the Riverdale Athletic Club.

Mr. Phil Beaudin, for some time past on the Bank of Commerce staff at Schumacher, has been transferred to Toronto, leaving here on Thursday last.

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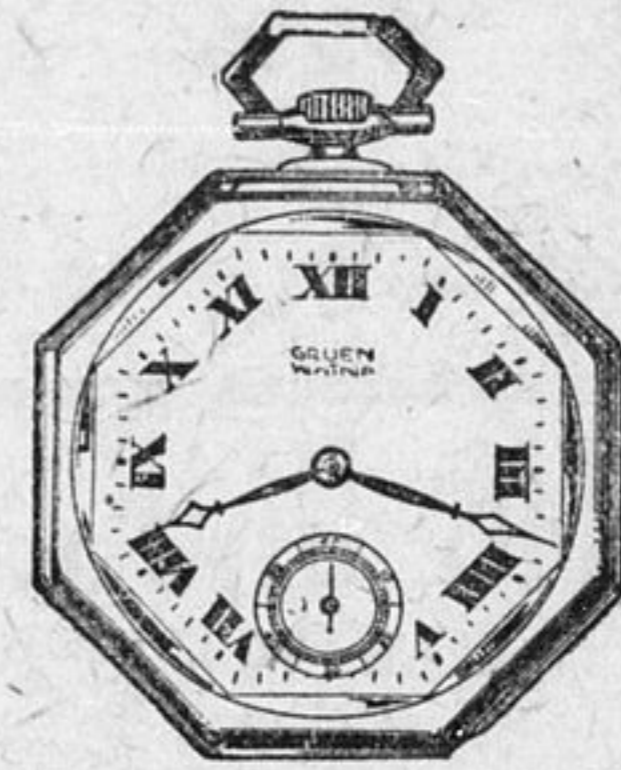
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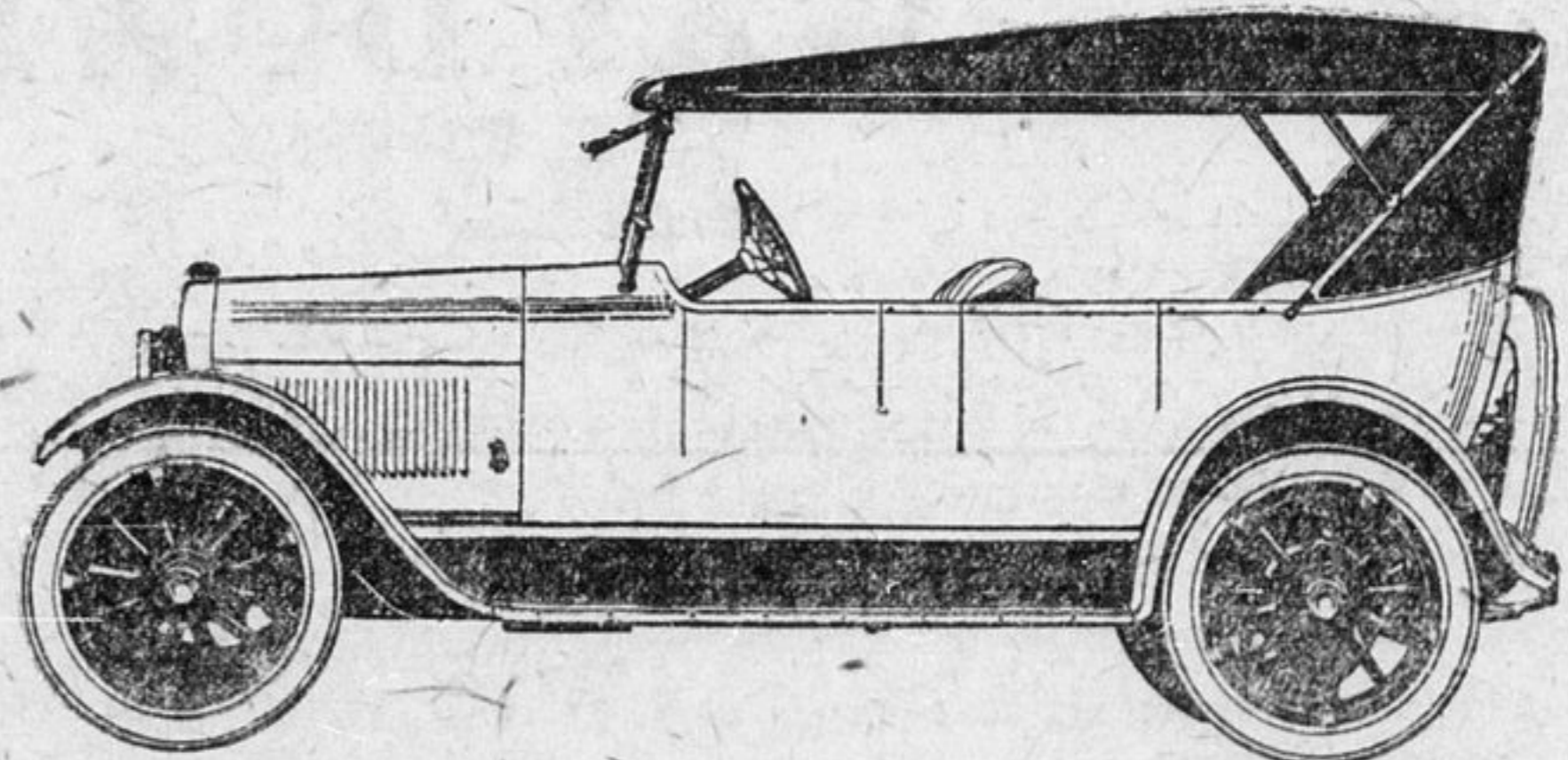
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