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Annual Report of Dept. of Mines Refers to Bright Prospects of Mining Industry.

Considerable criticism has been made in some quarters of the recently published annual report of the Ontario Department of Mines. The chief criticism is that the report "understates" the facts. The critics, apparently, would like to have the report written in the enthusiastic style of some of the writers of stock-selling literature. It may be admitted that there are some facts that are not presented as strongly in the report as their truth warrants, but after all the gold industry is of such a character that understatement is perhaps preferable to the full facts which might easily be taken as too good to be true. To get the people in general to realize the importance of the gold mining industry of Ontario appears to be a difficult matter. If by "understatement" the Department can arouse interest, well, something has been accomplished. And even the "understatement" is impressive and should make appeal to the people. For instance, take the following interesting paragraphs from the report:—

Gold mining at the present time is receiving renewed attention in Ontario. Abundance of labor reduction in mining costs, and the premium on gold are the chief causes of the stimulation. In 1920 the exchange premium received by Ontario's gold mining companies was \$1,376,275 or 11.7 per cent. The success or failure of Ontario's gold mining industry, however, is not dependent on the premium, the rate of which is, at this time, declining rapidly.

"The discovery of silver at Cobalt in 1903 brought hundreds of prospectors into northeastern Ontario. From 1905 to 1918 important gold areas were found annually. They are as follows:—Playfair, 1905; Abatibi and Larder Lake, 1906; Night Hawk Lake, 1907; Paikiller, 1908; Manro and Porepine, 1909; Swastika, 1910; Howry Creek and West Shining Tree, 1911; Whiskey Lake and Kirkland Lake, 1912; Boston Creek, 1914; Kowkash-Tashota, 1915; Matatewan, 1916; Rickard and Lightning River, 1917; Bourkes, 1918. In addition to these areas, many small gold discoveries have been made in other localities.

"Porepine is by far the largest producer, the principal mine, the Hollinger Consolidated, being one of the great gold mines of the world. Kirkland Lake area is next in importance. Ontario now leads the other provinces of Canada, and every state in the United States, excepting California, in production. Ontario produced 74 per cent. of Canada's gold production in 1920. There is every reason to believe that Ontario's gold production will continue to increase for some time. Gold is so wide-spread and the production is so substantial and increasing so rapidly, that it seems fitting to name Ontario the 'Golden Province.'

"Up to 1911 gold mining in Ontario was on the whole not profitable. Since then the industry has flourished owing particularly to Porepine, and, to a less extent to Kirkland Lake. The 1913 production, \$4,558,518, almost equals the entire output up to that year from the time gold was first found in the Province in 1866. In 1920 the gold production exceeded the silver output for the first time since Cobalt was discovered in 1903. The gold production of Ontario for 1921 will likely amount to about fourteen million dollars. For the first nine months of the year it was valued at \$9,818,073. Ontario is the only important country whose gold production has not decreased in the last four years.

**OPENING GAME IN TOWN FOOTBALL LEAGUE THURSDAY**

The opening game in the Town Football League will be on Thursday of this week, the kick-off at 6.15 p.m. sharp. This opening match will be the Town versus Hollinger Underground and should prove a lively and well-contested event between well-matched teams. It is expected that the Town League series will develop a pleasing series of keenly fought football matches and also prove very helpful as practice games for the District matches.

The second game in the Town League will be on Saturday, May 20th when the Hollinger Underground and Surface will try conclusions.

The first District game at Timmins will be Kirkland Lake here on June 10th. Timmins will have its first game in the District series at the Dome on the 23rd.

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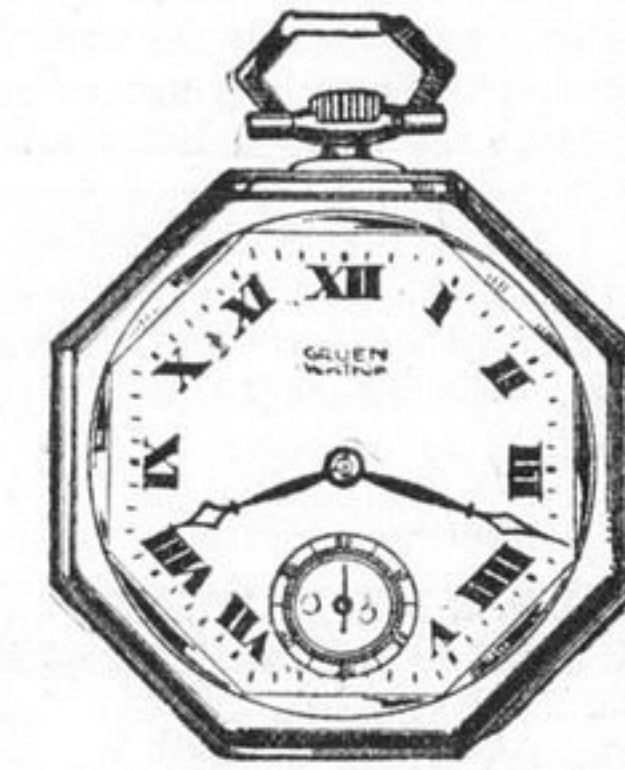
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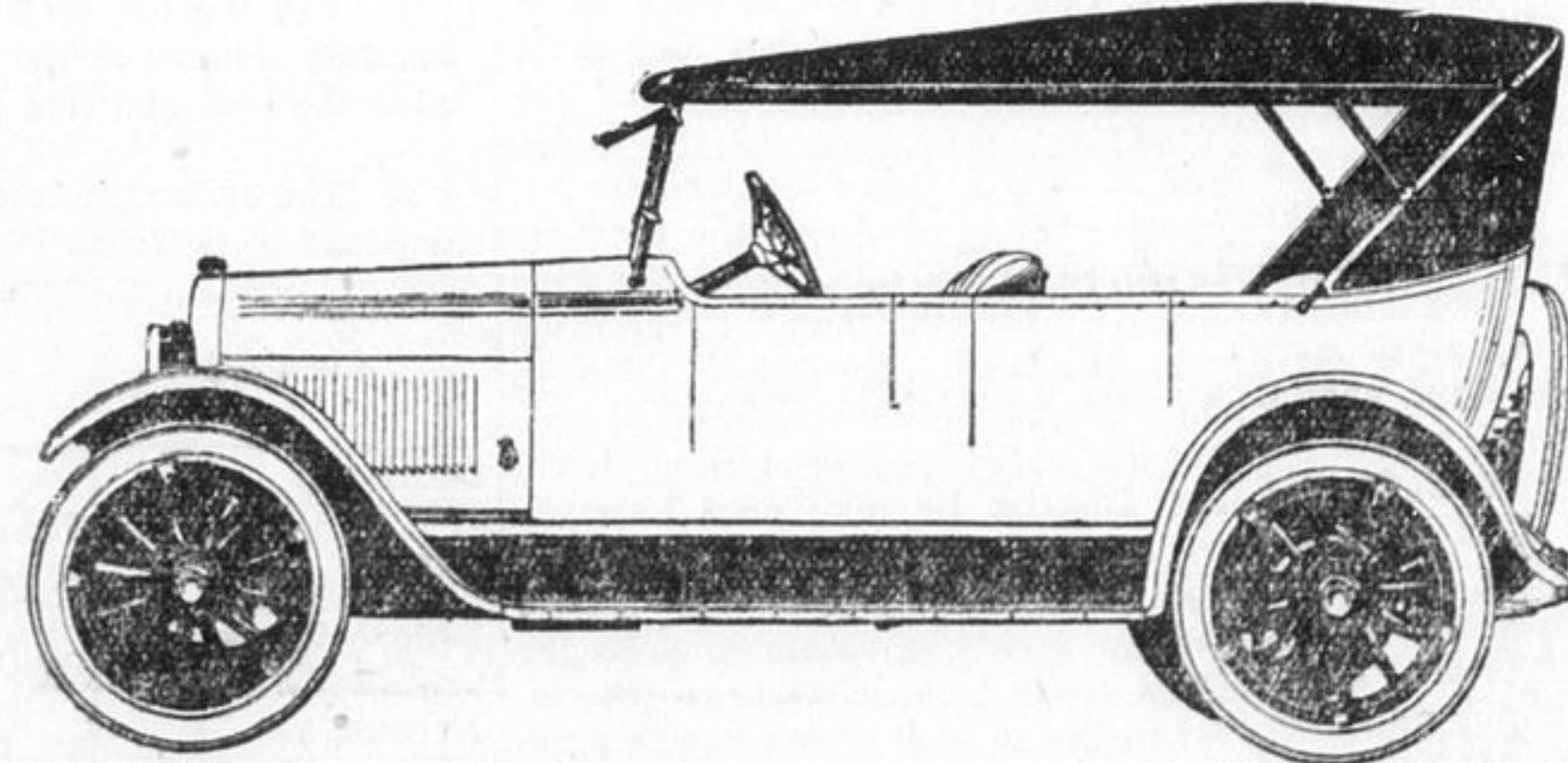
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