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North Land So Large That Particulars are Necessary

News Items About the North Liable to Cause Unnecessary Anxiety Unless Location is Definitely Indicated. Samples of Two Indefinite References to Places. The Eight Big Districts of Northern Ontario.

Northern Ontario is so large that indefinite references to happenings here are liable to cause difficulties and anxiety. A recent case in point was where an item from west of Fort William in some way or another acquired a Cochrane date line with the result that the place name of "Duck Lake" or some such designation for the small place referred to in the item seemed to be near Cochrane. Even some of the North Land newspapers themselves published the item in its misleading guise. As it was the story of an accidental death it is easy to understand how relatives and friends might vainly seek around Cochrane for particulars that would not be available. There does appear to be necessity for particularization of locations in reference to items about the North Land. This North is actually four times the size of Old Ontario and to simply place a happening in the North is to confuse the issue beyond all reason. Recent references to the "bush fires in the North" prove the point at issue. The New Liskeard Speaker last week took up this question in very effective way, and its lengthy front page editorial is well worth repeating in full. The New Liskeard Speaker in this connection says:—

"Last week the Northern press had to correct a false report started by some city paper to the effect that, owing to bush fires in New Ontario it was unsafe to undertake a motor trip over the Ferguson highway. The fact is

many thousands of people in Southern Ontario know nothing whatever of the extent of territory there is in what is now commonly called "New Ontario," and it is thought advantage is taken of this lack of knowledge of the extent of this country by interested parties to divert tourist traffic into other channels than along the Ferguson highway. This may be a "small way" of looking at the matter, but what else can one say when the fact that a bush fire which raged in a bush along the northwest shore of Lake Superior was all the excuse some Southern papers had for saying bush fires raged along the road to Temiskaming. There were no fires raging nearer than five hundred miles off the highway referred to.

"We do not wish to play the Sir Oracle role, so we hesitate to suggest that the time has arrived for the district press to cease referring to Temiskaming as "New Ontario," which, to the people of the south, means the Northland of Ontario. In this region there are eight organized districts, analogous to countries in the south except for county municipal organization. Also in this so-called "New Ontario" are four cities and hundreds of towns and villages. The region is represented in the Provincial Legislature by 12 members and nearly as many members in the Dominion Parliament.

"In Southern Ontario when something unusual occurs the press not only name the place where the event occurred but also the county. We ask that the same definite information be given when publishing Northern Ontario news except the substitution of "district" for "county."

"Here is a sample of how city dailies give the news of the Northland: "A New Ontario despatch says a trapper named Solomon Levi was drowned in Duck Chute." Solomon Levi may not have had many acquaintances in Southern Ontario, but he had a mother who was distracted about the news; not knowing how to get any further information. Had the news item stated what district Duck Chute was in, a phone message to the Crown Lands Department would have enabled the mother to get full particulars.

"We are advised that our readers do not like lengthy articles, and often we are at "our wits end" to know what to do to explain important matters in a small space. However, believing that the people should be educated in regard to the immense importance the north is to Ontario and to Canada, we have condensed into very small space authentic information concerning the eight organized northern districts and we ask that the people become as familiar with the names and locations of these districts as with Southern Ontario counties:

"Temiskaming District: This district lies north of Nipissing and Sudbury districts and west of the Quebec boundary. Its greatest breadth is 112 miles, and its greatest length is 88 miles. There are 16 organized townships with an assessed area of 368,568 acres.

"Cochrane District: This district lies in the Great Clay Belt along the Quebec boundary immediately north of the Temiskaming District and north of the Height of Land. It extends north for 200 miles to James Bay and west, at the widest point, 280 miles.

"Algoma District: This district lies west of the Districts of Sudbury and Cochrane and borders on the north shore of Lake Superior. Greatest breadth is 135 miles, greatest length 240 miles. Total area 36,500 of which

534 sq. miles is organized into Municipalities.

"Kenora District: This district lies west of Thunder Bay and north of Rainy River District and is with Patricia the farthest west in the province. Its greatest breadth is 136 miles, greatest length 184 miles. The total area is 11,616,000 acres.

"Thunder Bay District: This district, on the western border of Algoma and Cochrane, is in greatest length 262 miles and greatest breadth 253 miles. Total area about 66,400 square miles.

"Sudbury District: This district lies west of Nipissing and Temiskaming. Greatest length is 244 miles, greatest breadth 173 miles, total area 18,058 sq. miles. 600 sq. miles is organized into Municipalities.

"Nipissing District: This is the most easterly district in Northern Ontario. It runs into southern Ontario. Greatest breadth is 74 miles, and greatest length 162 miles. Total area, 7,153 square miles of which 29 square miles is organized into municipalities.

"Rainy River District: This district extends 170 miles from Thunder Bay District to Manitoba boundary and 68 miles from Kenora District to Rainy River, the boundary of Minnesota. The total area is approximately 4,656,640 acres.

"From the foregoing it may be seen that Northern Ontario, (New Ontario) extends from the Quebec boundary on the east to the Manitoba and Minnesota boundary on the west.

"Recently we noticed the following item which is credited to the Edmonton Journal: "When a canoeist threw a match on the oil-covered surface of a lake in Northern Ontario an aeroplane was destroyed. It is coming to a pretty state of affairs when a man can't even fling a match into a lake without starting a fire.

"The story may or may not be true. The territory in New Ontario is so great in extent that anything might happen in one part without the people of other parts ever hearing about it. But the news item above given emphasizes the need of reporters and the people generally becoming familiar with the names and locations of the eight organized districts, and the need for mentioning the names of these districts when wiring or mailing news to the press."

FUMES FROM PAINTING PLANT ANNOY NORTH BAY FOLK

Complaint was formally made last week to the North Bay council by some citizens living in one section along and near Princess street that they were being annoyed about beyond endurance by fumes from a duco-spray painting plant operated in the vicinity. One man told the council that the fumes were a menace to the health of his family, members of which had actually been made ill by the fumes complained of. He had appealed to the police, the board of health and the city sanitary officer, but up to the present had not been given redress. He said that he will hold the city responsible if any member of his family should suffer further from the operation of the objectionable plant. Mayor Banner said that the council was at a loss to know how they could stop the operation of the plant, though they were aware of the hardship alleged to be worked by the plant on the residents of the immediate vicinity. The council referred the matter to the contingencies committee for investigation and report.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paterson and daughter, Miss Betty, intend to leave next Wednesday for an extended visit to their old home in Scotland. They have been valuable and highly esteemed citizens here and there will be a general hope for their early return to the camp. Miss Betty Paterson has won a very high reputation as a gifted slouchist, and has been for years in much demand on programmes here.

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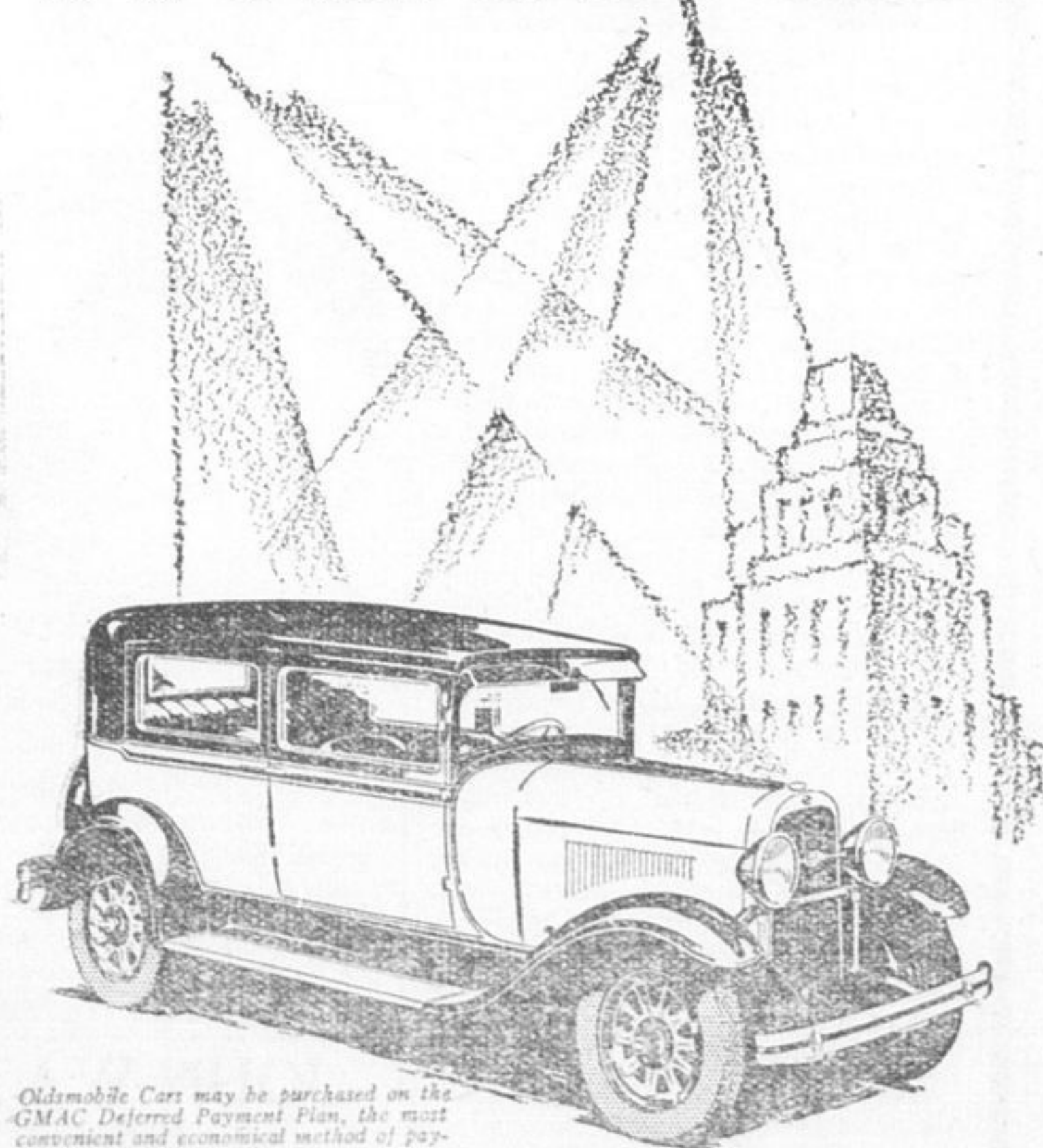
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Dome's Output \$45,000 Per Month Ahead of 1928

A correspondent at South Porcupine last week writes:—"Official production figures for Dome Mines, Limited, as announced from New York, show output for July, 1929, to be valued at \$320,266, as compared with \$385,661 in June and \$304,455 in July, 1928. Seven months' production is valued at \$2,591,447, as compared with \$2,180,405 in the corresponding period of 1928.

"From the above figures it will be seen that Dome is not producing at a rate of \$370,206 per month, as compared with \$324,573 per month in 1928, or an increase of roughly \$45,000 per month over last year.

"With characteristic caution Dome executives are discouraging over speculation on the strength of rumors that the new ore in the greenstones north of the sedimentary basin is particularly high grade. Rather than high grade they are said to average lower than the usual run of Dome ore. That such should be the case is natural in view of the fact that Dome has always been regarded as a high grade mine, while the other mines of the district with the bulk of their ore contained in quartz veins in the greenstones have been forced to content themselves in the past with ore averaging from \$5 to \$8 per ton.

"The important feature so far as the life of Dome is concerned, however, is its ability to continue operating at its present capacity for a considerably longer period than was predicted a year or two ago. While no official confirmation can be obtained, it is widely gossiped around Porcupine that not only can Dome maintain its present dividend, but as a result of the large bodies of "low grade ore" found in the greenstones, assisted by the high grade sweeteners left in the corners of the old mine, another five year earnings on its present basis of \$2 per share are a reasonable expectation."

WHAT TO DO WITH THE OLD DILAPIDATED MOTOR CARS?

The following paragraph of very general interest is from the "Chronicle News Bits" a weekly feature of The Huntington Gleaner:—

"The other day one of the Toronto Judges had a problem presented to him by the appearance in court of Jack Kirk, a 16-year-old boy. The traffic officer, who made the charge against Jack, objected to the state of his automobile. It had "a most inferior steering gear, the brakes did not work, it was innocent of lights and was running without oil." The traffic officer decided, if he could only lay a charge of cruelty to automobiles, at least one of reckless driving could be laid. The boy explained that he had paid \$65 for the car and was learning to drive. The judge let him off on the understanding that he was not to bring the car on the street again until it was in proper running condition. The next case concerned another young chap whom the Judge told "to keep his \$65 auto tied up in the back yard and to pay M. Guitry \$10 to repair a suit torn when run down by the \$65 prize."

MINE CLOSED ON ACCOUNT TOO MUCH TABLE MANNERS

The Northern Miner last week says:—"Two miners blocking the Government Road at Kirkland Lake were discussing the closing down of a local developing property. "No wonder they went broke and had to quit. Why, the table they set there would have made the Royal York look like one of them side-wheel lunch rooms that causes all the greasy sleeves you see down in Toronto. They called the bullcook a maitre de hotel or something. The grub was wonderful, but they had so many forks and other tools strewn around a man's plate that I had to get my wife to subscribe to Vogue for me so as I wouldn't offend the boss by using anything but a fork for the ice cream and nothing but the right spoon for the grapefruit. It used to be rather embarrassing at times for a guy trained to eat off the oilcloth on the kitchen table at home, and the last straw was when the chef demanded the new carter be fired because the poor sucker drank the water out of his finger bowl."



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