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**Premier Against the North Shore Route**

Further Information on the Conference Last Week Over the Trans-Canada Highway.

In Thursday's issue of The Advance there was a reference to the conference held at Toronto in regard to the proposed routing of the Trans-Canada Highway through the North. W. O. Langdon, of Timmins, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, was one of those present at this conference. In addition to the report last week the following from The North Bay Nugget's Toronto bureau should be of general interest to all here:

"North Shore Route is Out"  
"Having in mind the needs of the future, the north shore route is out. This part of the country will never be inhabited. That is certain. It does not look favourable to me at all. The other proposed routes may in a few years be peopled, while this road will always be uninhabited."

"With characteristic decision, and in the foregoing words Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn late Tuesday threw the north shore of Lake Superior designation of the Trans-Canada Highway route into the discard, and revived once more the question of which route will be ultimately selected between North Bay and White River. An order-in-council rescinding the former designation will be made shortly."

"As predicted exclusively in The Nugget there is a strong probability that the route of the highway will go north along the Ferguson Highway from North Bay to Swastika, thence due west to Schreiber."

"The route eventually to be followed will be left to engineers to decide, Hon. Peter Heenan, Ontario Minister of Lands and Forests and Northern Development declared, adding, 'When

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Premier Hepburn and myself conferred with Hon. W. A. Gordon, Dominion Minister of Labor at Ottawa, we mutually agreed to continue east from Schreiber to White River. This allowed us to leave that section east from White River in abeyance until we had given Ottawa the figures and surveys of all routes they demanded. It gives us the chance of building east from Schreiber at once."

**Deputation Received**  
"Premier Hepburn's momentous decision on the routing of the Trans-Canada Highway was announced shortly after he had received a delegation from the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway region who urged that an immediate decision be made."

The deputation was introduced by W. G. Nixon, M.L.A., Temiskaming, and consisted of Roy Mitchell, Cochrane; W. O. Langdon, Timmins; Tom McDonald, Matheson; Homer W. Sutcliffe and Ralph Taylor, New Liskeard; Dr. E. F. Armstrong, Cobalt; Harry Marceau, M.L.A., North Bay; E. A. Pappier, M.L.A., Sudbury; Harry Fine, Kirkland Lake, and J. A. Habel M.L.A., North Cochrane.

"In introducing the deputation, Mr. Nixon pointed out to the Premier and Hon. Peter Heenan that the deputation was non-political in character, comprised of both Liberals and Conservatives and represented largely the Associated Boards of Trade in a large number of northern districts."

"That the Dominion Government have agreed upon the route of the Trans-Canada east from Schreiber as far as White River was one of several important disclosures made by Premier Hepburn."

"He intimated that the two governments were on the point of making a start on the road between Schreiber and White River and that any suggestion to the Dominion to change this agreement would delay indefinitely a start on the road east from Schreiber."

"The agreement between the two governments completely confirms an exclusive story in The North Bay Nugget published on Wednesday, May 8."

**Decision Delayed**

"He said that the Dominion and Provincial Governments had agreed to postpone a decision until surveys and figures were available on all routes east of White River. While he did not say that this postponement included a delay until the end of the Dominion

election, this is generally believed to have been the understanding between the two governments at the Parliament buildings."

"The suggestion to build the road from Hornepayne west through the Long Lac area and south to Nipigon was withdrawn by the deputation at the request of the prime minister and the Hon. Peter Heenan, when it was officially disclosed for the first time that the section between White River and Schreiber had been definitely agreed upon by the two governments."

"Engineers are coming in every day saying that this route and that route could be constructed cheaper. Engineers at Ottawa have suggested we follow the Ferguson Highway north and then go through Swastika due west to Schreiber," Mr. Heenan said.

"The Minister of Northern Development stressed the point that no matter which way the road went it was not going to satisfy the people in some part of the North."

**Plans Delay**  
"If we attempt to go up from Hornepayne through Long Lac it will mean another long delay. I believe we should make White River the pivot regardless of where we go east. We have arranged with Ottawa to do this by coming due south from Hornepayne to White River in the northern alternative," Mr. Heenan concluded.

"It would appear, Peter, that if we follow this alternative or compromise proposal that all sections of the North would be satisfied except the Sault. They too would have an outlet. It appears to me to be an excellent compromise," declared the premier.

"Mr. Heenan at this point wavered in his favoritism for the north shore route. 'I have just received a wire from Port Arthur that there are 14,000 men out of work there; another 11,000 at Kenora. If it means getting these men to work I am prepared to submit the proposal to my colleagues in the cabinet,' said Mr. Heenan."

**Charge of Manslaughter Against Guigues Citizen**

On instructions from the Attorney-General's Department, Quebec, Constable Morel, of the provincial police force, last week arrested Joseph Alfred Larouche, of Guigues, on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the death on the Nipissing Central Railway five miles west of Rouyn, last autumn, of Giles Dauphinais, a boy who died as a result of injuries sustained when the truck owned and driven by the accused was struck by an N.C.R. train as the party was driving homeward from Rouyn market."

Larouche appeared before J. O. Tardif, J.P., and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000. Lucien Labelle appeared for the crown and Georges Caron for the prisoner. The preliminary hearing will likely take place at magistrate's court in Rouyn next month."

**Barris Examiner:**—Premier M. F. Hepburn's method of handling the relief strikers at Crowland evoked general commendation. The disturbance was due to the efforts of professional agitators and they failed to hold their men when the Premier called their bluff. Much of the trouble among people on relief has been stirred up by foreign-born agitators."

**Premier will Visit North for Fishing**

J. P. Bickell, of the McIntyre to be Host to Hon. Mitchell Hepburn on Trip North.

A despatch from Toronto last week stated that John P. Bickell, president of McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Limited, and a director of The International Nickel Co. Limited, will play host to Premier Hepburn when the latter leaves for a brief vacation in Northern Ontario this week. While intended as a fishing trip, the premier may make several calls at northern centres where there are existing problems requiring important government decisions.

In view of Mr. Bickell's connection with the International Nickel Company, the Premier may spend a day in the Sudbury district to see the plant at Copper Cliff. No definite arrangements have yet been made, however. Mr. Hepburn may also make a brief study of the various trans-Canada routes between North Bay and Schreiber.

It is now known he is somewhat dubious about the conflicting stories favouring or opposing the various alternatives, and it is said he is particularly anxious to view the "contractor's paradise" which Hon. Wesley Gordon referred to when the Ontario Government viewed the north shore route.

Mr. Hepburn is also said to be wondering if the gigantic expenditures required on any one of the many roads is justified at the present time. Arrangements about his trip are not definite yet, as he is anxious to have a conference with Premier Taschereau of the Province of Quebec before completing his holiday arrangements.

**Glass Pierces Lung When Car is Ditched**

Englehart Man in Serious Conditions as Result of Motor Accident Last Week

H. Chenier, 53 years of age, of Englehart, a veterinary surgeon of that town, is in the Englehart hospital as a result of an accident on Wednesday of last week."

His lung is pierced by a splinter of glass and his face and one knee are badly cut through the ditching of his car. The doctors are able to give him only "a fighting chance for recovery."

According to the despatches from Englehart Dr. Chenier was driving a car recently purchased, and while going south on the highway he met a car. In turning out he drove too near the ditch. His car was overturned into a deep ditch and he was hurled through the windshield. Dr. Chenier was just learning to drive. He was alone at the time of the accident.

The motorist in the approaching car stopped, and Dr. Chenier was rushed to hospital at Englehart. A long splinter of glass was removed from his lung, and his other injuries treated. Since the accident his condition has remained serious, but he may recover."

**Government Plans North Labor Office**

Reorganization Forecast by Hon. David Croll in Announcement Made Last Week.

According to despatches from Toronto, plans are already completed by the Ontario Government for a re-organization of the three inspection branches of the department of labour. This scheme will provide for a permanent inspector of boilers, factories, and examiner under the operating engineers branch being installed in Northern Ontario.

The re-organization will be carried out by Hon. David Croll, when he takes over the department of labour within the next few days, although details of the changes contemplated were worked out by J. F. Marsh, deputy minister, and Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, while the latter held the portfolio.

The present plan is to either transfer one of the present department officials to a permanent northern office, or appoint a new man, who will cover all northern districts. While tentative arrangements indicate that this new branch of Ontario government activities in the North will be opened at Port Arthur, it is possible that Sudbury will be considered before a definite decision is made.

Under the plan which Mr. Croll will announce in the near future the boiler inspection branch, factory inspection branch and board of examiners of operating engineers will be merged under one head. The posts of chief boiler inspector and chief inspector of factories have been vacant for some time and it is likely that a new appointment will be made to assume both these responsibilities.

Dissatisfaction with the existing system in regard to the board of examiners of operating engineers in the North and particularly in the territory around the Lakehead is responsible for the government deciding to open an office there and keep a permanent official on the job.

Before an applicant for a position as an operating engineer can accept the responsibility of being in charge of a boiler where steam pressure is a hazard, he must pass tests and examinations as to his knowledge of the subject. At the present time the board of examiners appointed by the Ontario department of labour travel around the province officiating at these examinations. In the past they have only been able to make two visits a year as far west as the Lakehead and slightly more frequent visits to less remote parts of the North.

Frequently persons have been offered positions as operating engineers which require a quick decision. In such instances it has either been necessary to come to Toronto to make the tests, or wait many months until one of the board of examiners visits the locality.

In the latter cases an applicant may fall in a test or be required to re-write one of the particular examinations. To do this he invariably must come to Toronto if he is after a particular position. Frequently, due to the distance,

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the job has been filled while he has been held up by the departmental red-tape.

It is to eliminate such situations that the department of labour contemplates opening a permanent office in the North. This will be particularly feasible under the re-organization scheme which Mr. Croll will announce shortly after he takes over the labour portfolio.

The plan is to merge the three branches as an economy measure. Officials of each branch at the present time travel all over the province, which means a duplication of railroad fares, expenses, and hotel bills. Travelling expenses alone for the three branches amount to over \$25,000 annually.

It is the opinion of the departmental officials that the majority of the inspectors and examiners in the three branches are capable of handling each other's work. By merging them all into one department this triple duplication of expenses will be automatically eliminated.

It has also been believed that all three have been understaffed for some time and this fact is advanced for the

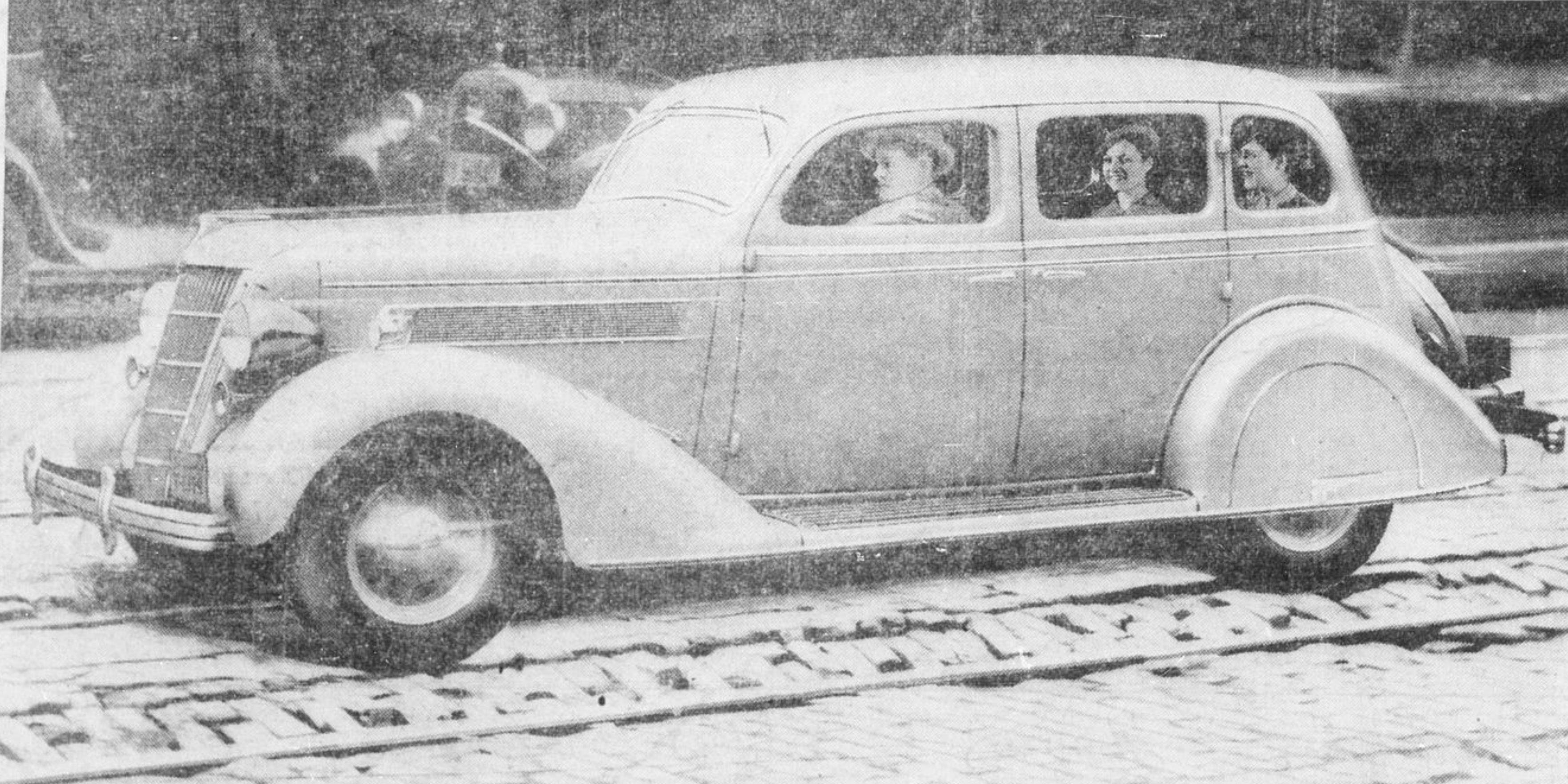
belief that no dismissals will be necessary through the re-organization.

London Free Press:—If it had not been for the extension of the T. & N. O. north, a project roundly condemned by Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn, the deposits of lignite would never have been discovered.

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**HORIZONTAL**

1 What South American national banner is pictured here?  
9 Visitor.  
10 Part of a circle.  
12 Cense (nautical).  
13 Century plant fiber.  
14 To eat.  
15 Chum.  
16 Finish.  
17 Turf.  
18 Pertaining to tallow.  
23 Myself.  
24 To doze.  
25 Flour factory.  
26 Since.  
27 Beam.  
28 Masculine.  
29 Insinuation.  
30 Fifth month.  
31 Ferocious.  
32 Monetary unit.  
33 Preserve.  
34 Your mother's sister.  
35 Apparatus for this country.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

DIEPPE  
DROOP  
SENATE  
O' BEL  
RAG B  
BERG AMEND DAMI  
OPALE ONE VALID  
NIDAL ATE INANE  
NEEDLE REDDEN  
E SNEEDED T  
DITT SWEAT ERA  
FRANCE SHIPPER  
AVENUE CHEMISTS

**VERTICAL**

1 School.  
2 Small valley.  
3 An organ of secretion.  
4 Otherwise.  
5 Mesh of lace.  
6 Transpose form a boundary of this country.  
7 Spike.  
8 Work of genius.  
9 One of a Philippine pine tribe.  
10 of this country  
11 Chief industry of this country  
12 Data.  
13 Small tablet.  
14 Fowl.  
15 Sound of a gun.  
16 Ozone.  
17 Right to speak.  
18 Threshold.  
19 Deity.  
20 To lift up.  
21 State of being uneducated.  
22 Folding bed.  
24 No.  
25 Stepped grain.  
27 Battering machine.  
28 Bill of fare.  
29 Skirt edges.  
30 Employer of a servant.  
31 Sables.  
32 Public garden spot.  
33 President of this country  
34 Sharp and harsh.  
35 Walking sticks.  
36 The mountains form a boundary of this country.

38 Self.  
39 One of a Philippine pine tribe.  
42 Data.  
43 Fowl.  
44 Ozone.  
46 Southeast.  
47 Musical note.