

T. & N. O. Enjoys the Best Year in History

Mining, Lumbering, Agriculture, Contribute to Record Tonnage and Profits

(By Malcolm Lang, Chairman, T. & N. O. Railway Commission, in Annual Number of The Northern Miner)

With the first nine months of the year already a matter of record, it is reasonably safe to assert that 1937 will prove to be the best year financially and otherwise that the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway has known in 35 years of operation. To date the year, as far as Northern Ontario is concerned, has not been notable for any outstanding developments, but it has been one of steady progress, in which the optimism evident in the late months of 1936 has been more than justified.

That the mining industry has been the predominant factor in the general improvement, no one will deny, but the other key industries of the North have played their part and a large one in the improved economic situation.

As an introduction to a rapid review of the activities and outlook of the peoples in the T. & N. O. area, let it be recalled that the development of the great mining centres has been very largely crowded into the last fifteen years. In 1921 Timmins, the principal town in the Porcupine camp, had a population of 3800—now boasts of over 25,000. Kirkland Lake in 1926, a town of 3500 inhabitants, is now a flourishing young city of 22,000. Rouyn and Noranda, practically unknown in 1925, are now twin cities of Northwestern Quebec, with a combined population of 15,000. The birth and growth of these large centres have given an impetus to agriculture and the building trades, which has resulted in the stabilization of these important industries. Thus does history repeat itself, for it is not long since the discovery of silver in the year 1903, which brought about almost overnight the establishment of the famous Cobalt camp, resulting in the rapid development of settlement in the clay belt, of which New Liskeard, a town of some 5000, is a thriving centre.

Building Boom
As a producer of traffic the building industry must not be overlooked. The year 1937 has been marked by extensive building programs in practically all Northern towns. In the four centres alone—Timmins, Rouyn, Noranda and

Kirkland Lake, the building permits issued have totalled well over \$3,000,000, with result that the builders' supply houses, saw mill operators and contractors have known a busy and successful year.

The increased activity in the building industry has had its natural effect on the lumber trade, which in 1937 will easily exceed the volume of business done in the previous year. It is worthy of the note that practically all of the old lumber stocks have been cleared out and that in anticipation of a good season in 1937-38 timber operations are expected to expand. The railway has handled a large tonnage in lumber this season for both local and outside markets, and has thus benefited from the favourable position enjoyed by the industry.

Agriculture has now firmly established itself in the clay belt contiguous to this railway, and is in a prosperous and healthy state. Prices are reasonably firm, and with a large consumers' market in the nearby mining centres, the demand is nearly equal to the supply.

Dairy farming is now largely followed in the areas close to Kirkland Lake and Timmins. The milk consumption in the two towns mentioned amounts to some fourteen or fifteen thousand quarts per day, and this is all supplied by the local farming communities. In addition, cream, butter and eggs net the farmers a good return. The demand for hogs this year has been exceptional, and the prices offered have been very attractive.

The products of the forest constitute a large part of the southbound tonnage moved by his railway and the present prosperity of the pulp and paper industry is fully reflected in the tonnage figures for the first half of 1937. The mills in the T. & N. O. territory are working to full capacity and among them produce, daily, between forty and fifty cars of paper and woodpulp, all of which move to southern points in Canada and the United States over the T. & N. O. lines. The yearly cut of pulpwood by settlers and small bush contractors amounts to thousands of cords and contributes much to the welfare of the settler.

The gold mining industry still remains the brightest spot in the economic life of this province, and the location of some of the greatest mines in the world on the line of this railway has had an incalculable effect on its progress and development. It is not necessary to dwell extensively on the general mining situation, as much is written from day to day on this inex-

haustable subject. It may be of interest though to deal briefly with mining as it particularly affects the railway situation. The industry in that part of Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec served by the T. & N. O. and Nipissing Central Railways has this year been characterized by the steady growth of the established mines, rather than by the finding and bringing into production of new properties. This is true in all areas—namely—Porcupine, Kirkland Lake and Matachewan in Ontario, and in the Rouyn area in Northwestern Quebec.

The camp which has come into greatest prominence in the past year is Larder Lake. This point was a thriving community in 1906, but after that boom year it became dormant until recently. However, with the amalgamation of the Crown Reserve and Goldfields (now known as Omega) it experienced a revival and the opening up of the Kerr-Addison, Martin-Bird and other properties has resurrected the camp and converted it into a prosperous community, from which much will be heard in the years immediately ahead.

The included table will prove of interest and show clearly the value of the gold mining industry to this great province.

As the chief transportation agency in the north, the T. & N. O. Railway has kept pace with the improved times and benefited much from the new business developed on every side. While figures are only available for the first seven months of the calendar year, they are sufficient to show that 1937 has been a year of increasing revenues. Compared with the same period of 1936, the gross income from freight traffic has increased 27.6%. The increase in business is specially gratifying, and consistent with the requirements of the various sections of its territory, the railway will continue to give efficient and satisfactory service.

Show Boat Revue at the Palace Theatre This Week

The big attraction this week at the Palace theatre is Al Weber's "Show Boat Revue," on the stage, in person, to-night and to-morrow night. It is described as a genuine treat. Unfortunately the company was unable to get here in time for the midnight show last night, but reached here to-day all right. There are 15 scenes, 30 people, gorgeous girls, sensational acts, happy comedy, music, dancing, everything. In addition, on the screen there is Charles Ruggles and Alice Brady in "Mind Your Own Business."

Auto Accident on Iroquois Falls Road

Annual Dance of I. F. Firemen. Other Iroquois Falls News.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Oct. 30.—(Special to The Advance)—The women of the Moose Chapter 551, of Ansonville, held their regular meeting on Monday, October 25th.

After the meeting, the ladies motored out to Mrs. Felix Marion's farm, near Monteth, and enjoyed a bean supper. Supper being served, games were started, and much enjoyment was realized. The winner of the bean guessing contest was Mrs. J. Hardy. A singing contest was won by Mrs. Phil Decote and Mrs. Laurin. After thanking Mrs. Marion for a most enjoyable evening, the ladies returned home in the small hours of the morning.

An accident involving two cars took place on the stretch of road between Ansonville and Iroquois Falls, on Saturday evening, October 30th. It seems that the driver of one car did not gauge his clearance great enough, and caught the front wheel of the other car. Both cars had to be towed away by wreckers, as the front wheel on each car was bent and broken beyond repairs. Fortunately no person was hurt.

The firemen of Iroquois Falls, held their annual dance in the town hall, on Friday evening, October 29th. Tireless efforts in making the preparations for this dance was quite evident, as the hall with most appropriately decorated in red, white and blue crepe streamers, together with well placed pictures of witches and hallowe'en decorations. The firemen made a fine display of the silver cups they have won, together with pieces of the equipment used in actual fire fighting.

A very large crowd of merry-makers danced to the music supplied by a five-piece orchestra from Matheson. During the course of the dance, hats and horns and other noise making favours were distributed. Paper streamers together with other colourful pieces were twirled around the dancers, making it a most merry get together. A well prepared lunch was served, being enjoyed by all.

The staff of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. got together on Friday afternoon, to present Mr. G. J. Reid with a farewell gift. Mr. J. Cuthell, office manager, made an appropriate

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speech on behalf of the staff, wishing Mr. Reid future luck and success. Mr. Reid responded, stating that when the actual time of leaving came to hand, he found it a lot harder than was thought. Mr. Reid was presented with a beautiful leather travelling bag together with a fountain pen and pencil. Mr. Reid, together with Mrs. Reid and two children, will take up residence in Red Rock, where he has secured an office position.

The Abitibi Chapter No. 223, had a most successful bridge party on Friday, October 22nd.

Archdeacon Woodall, of South Porcupine, took the evening service on Sunday, October 24th, at the St. Mark's Church.

An outstanding Vestry meeting of the St. Mark's Church was held on Wednesday, October 27th. The business meeting was very successful, and a large crowd was in attendance. Refreshments were served, after which Mr. H. E. Salisbury, People's Warden, gave an appropriate speech on making

the farewell presentation to Mr. G. J. Reid, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were presented with a beautiful mantel clock, with an inscription marking the occasion.

Legion stag card party was held in the curling rink, on Thursday evening, October 28th. The winners, Mr. G. L. Cameron, and Mr. M. Sills, received a lovely shirt each. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. J. Spence is at present confined to his bed, suffering with lumbago.

Death Here on Friday of Mrs. Brinley Davies

The death occurred on Friday, October 29th, of Mrs. Brinley Davies. Mrs. Davies was a native of Scotland, and was twenty-nine years of age. She resided at 152 Charles street. Funeral services will be held at the Church of Nativity at 4.15 p.m. to-day, Monday, with interment in the Timmins cemetery.

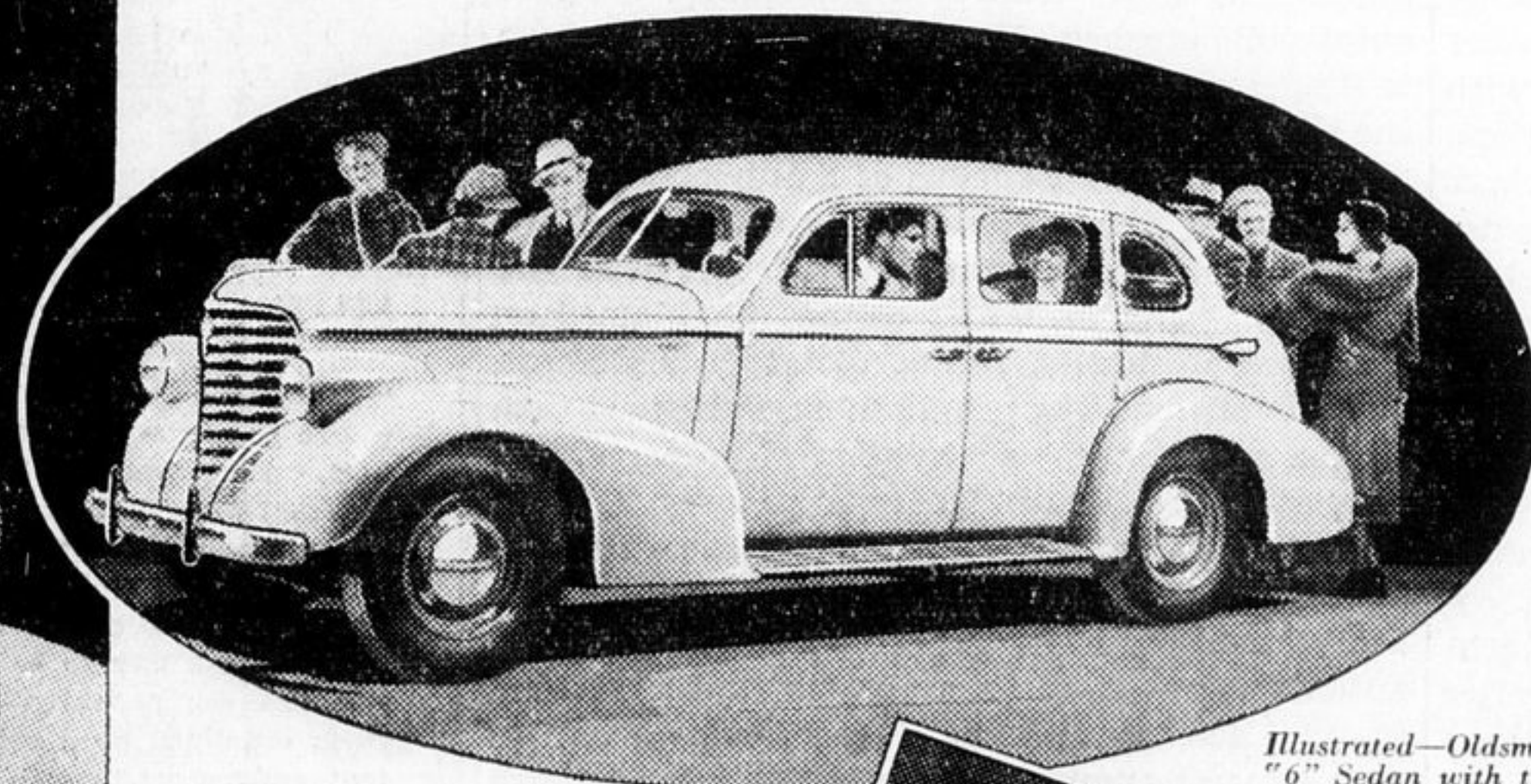
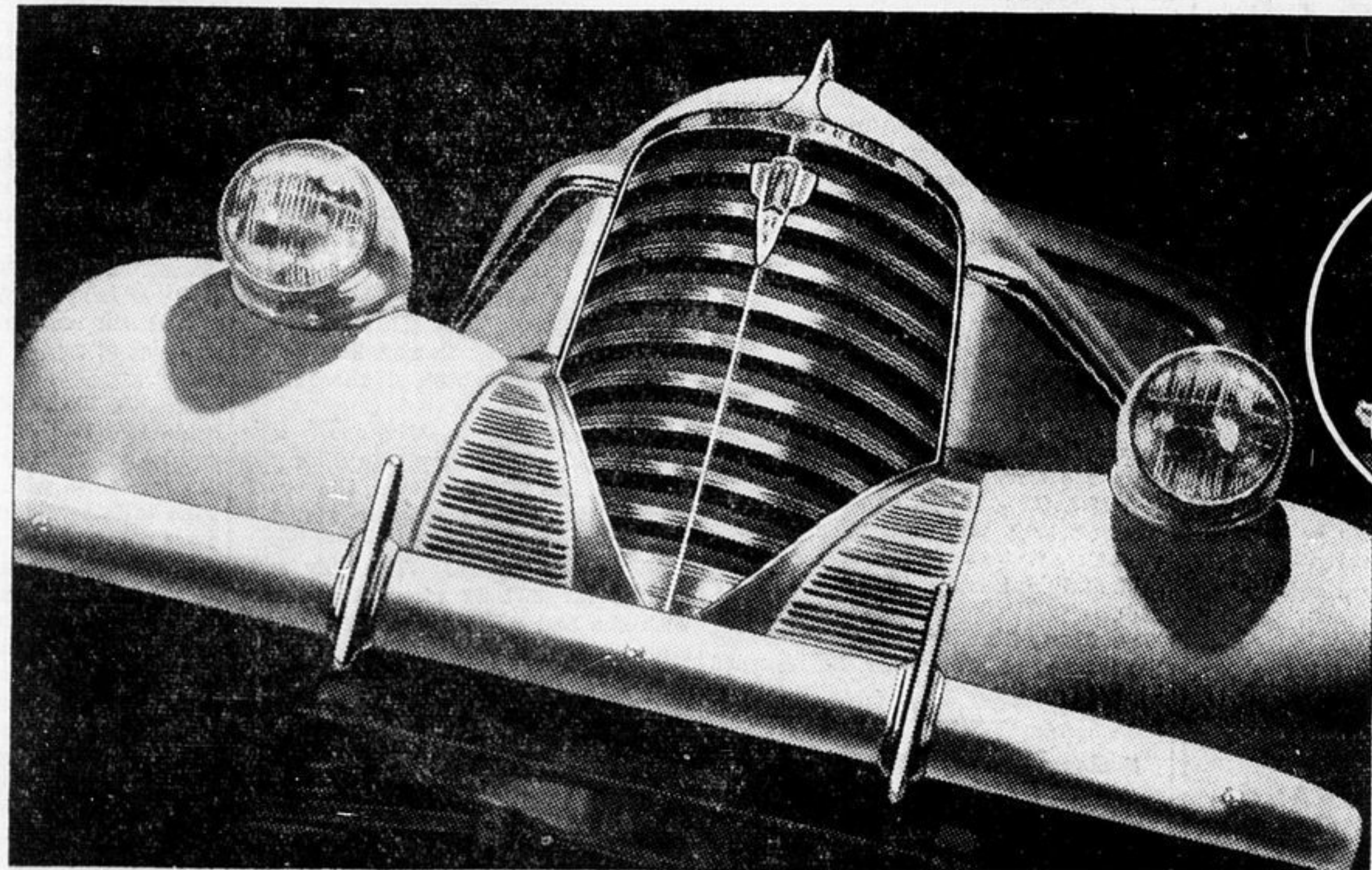
Larder Lake Not to Incorporate as Town

Incorporation to Be of the Townships of Hearst and McVittie, Including Larder

Reports from the committee in charge of the incorporation of Larder Lake township say that steady progress is being made but that the previous intention of incorporating simply as a town has been dropped. Instead, it has been decided to incorporate the United Townships of Hearst and McVittie, with the possibility that a third township be added. This will give the United Township a large area in which early revenue may be expected from mines, while the needs of the mines and the communities around the mines will be served. Just as Kirkland Lake has prospered and progressed in the Township of Teck, so it is expected and believed that similar benefit will accrue to Larder Lake under the incorporation of the United Townships. A petition for the incorporation of the United Townships has been prepared and the required number of signatures has already been made to this petition. Those seeking the incorporation have retained Bruce Williams, K.C., to look after their interests in the matter, and the petition has been forwarded to him to take the necessary further procedure to secure the incorporation. Judge Hartman is expected to sit at Larder Lake at an early date in connection with the proposed incorporation of the United Townships of Hearst and McVittie.

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