

Mines Handbook Compendium of Very Useful Information

144 Gold Mines Operating
in Canada in 1941.

At the close of 1941 there were 144 gold mills operating in Canada, with an additional 60 plants idle. It is shown by the eleventh annual edition of the Canadian Mines Handbook, which was issued this week. In spite of a decline in Ontario's output last year, at least partly caused by the strike at eight of the Kirkland Lake mines, the total value of gold recovered in the six out of the nine provinces that are producers was slightly higher than in any previous year.

War demands for metals resulted in a marked increase in production of all base metals and new objectives have been set for 1942. Metal prices are still low, however, and several companies owning potential producers cannot see their way clear yet to resume operations.

The Handbook shows the net number of gold producers to be lower by two than a year ago. During 1941, 14 new producers started ore treatment while 16 ceased operations. Ten other companies increased their mill capacity. At December 31st, five new gold mills were under construction and two were being considered.

The search for war metals continued aggressively, as witnessed by the number of companies formed to work on properties with showings of manganese, mercury, tungsten and other metals. In New Brunswick two mills were operating by the year-end on manganese; in British Columbia several mills are working on mercury and tungsten and in Ontario construction of a plant to produce magnesium metal on a commercial scale is getting under way.

The number of companies listed in the Mines Handbook total 6,061 as compared with 5,760 in the 1941 edition. Part I gives all the details on 648 active corporations, while Part II deals with 5,412 that were inactive. The number of new companies formed in 1941, including a few re-organizations totalled 195 and the number of companies that resumed active operations or at least did some work during the year after a period of inactivity was 55. About a dozen mining companies went into bankruptcy including two producers, and quite a number of others, practically all of which were inactive or had been succeeded by newer corporations, liquidated voluntarily or surrendered their charters.

Surprisingly, dividends paid by mining companies in 1941 totalled greater than in the preceding year, even though taxation reached new heights and operating costs were higher generally due to the increased cost of labor and supplies. Altogether 91 companies distributed approximately \$107,000,000 to shareholders as compared with 88 companies and dividends of \$14,700,000 in 1940.

Several new gold discoveries were made during the year in various parts of the country, some of which are being tested now. None appear to be of great importance as yet, however.

Low priority ratings given to gold mines operating in the United States are having a restraining influence on expansion of Canadian gold producers. A great deal of the equipment used by mining companies comes from across the line and it is unreasonable to expect that Canadian gold mines should be given a higher rating than United States companies, even though Canadian production is one of our chief sources of badly needed United States dollars. Existing mines, however, are assured of supplies to carry on at the present rate. As far as base metal producers are concerned increased production will be welcomed.

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Up-Town Telegraph Office Closed at Haileybury

Some years ago there was an agitation in Timmins to have an "up-town" or "down-town" telegraph office (separate from the T. & N. O. telegraph office at the station). One of the chief arguments used against the proposal was that the plan had been tried and was not satisfactory. To this, the answer was that other towns had it. That, in turn, was answered to the effect that other towns were not as conveniently located in regard to the station. The argument was recalled to many here last week when it was announced that the "down-town" or "up-town" office at Haileybury was to be closed. In regard to the closing of the office at Haileybury, The Haileyburian last week said:—

"All commercial telegraph business in Haileybury will be handled from the T. & N. O. station in future, it has been decided, and the downtown office maintained for many years, was closed on Tuesday of this week. The operator, Miss Agnes Chesser, has gone to join the staff of the commercial office at Timmins and a messenger service between the station and the downtown area has been commenced, which, together with telephone connections, is expected to give a satisfactory service.

"When the closing of the office was first proposed, a few weeks ago, a protest was made by the local board of trade in a letter to Mr. A. H. Cavanagh, general manager of the T. & N. O., who replied to the effect that the downtown office was simply a "duplication of facilities and the operator's position which is difficult to justify in view of the fact that the gross earnings from the telegraph business hardly meet the expenses of operating the independent office."

"Mr. Cavanagh points out that the station itself is on duty throughout the day and until around 11 p.m., and this staff can handle the telegraph business in addition to their present duties. "By attaching a messenger to this staff," he says, "and the fact that there are telephone connections, we are satisfied that we can render a telegraph service that will be quite commensurate with the requirements. I am sure if you give this change a fair trial, that it will be found the service will be quite satisfactory."

Kelowna Courier—It is said Hitler has retired to Minsk to revise Mein Kampf.

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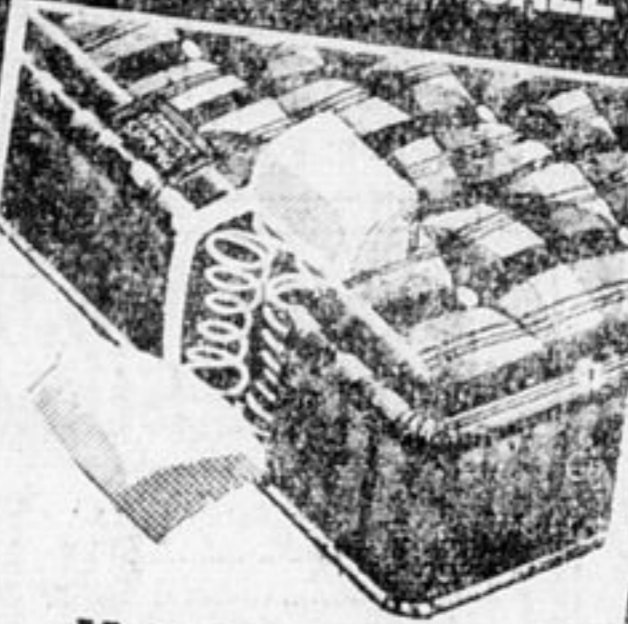


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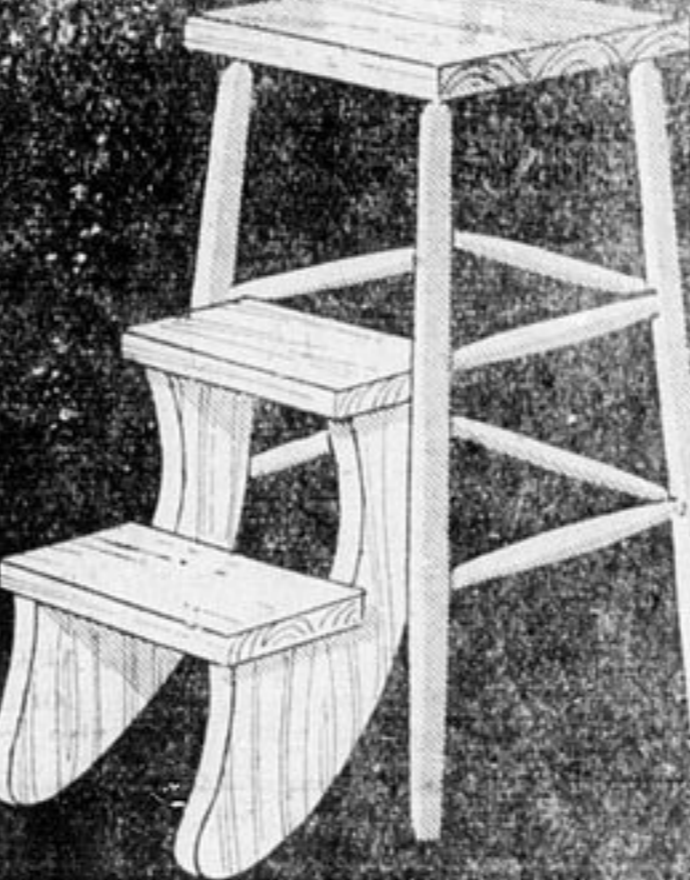
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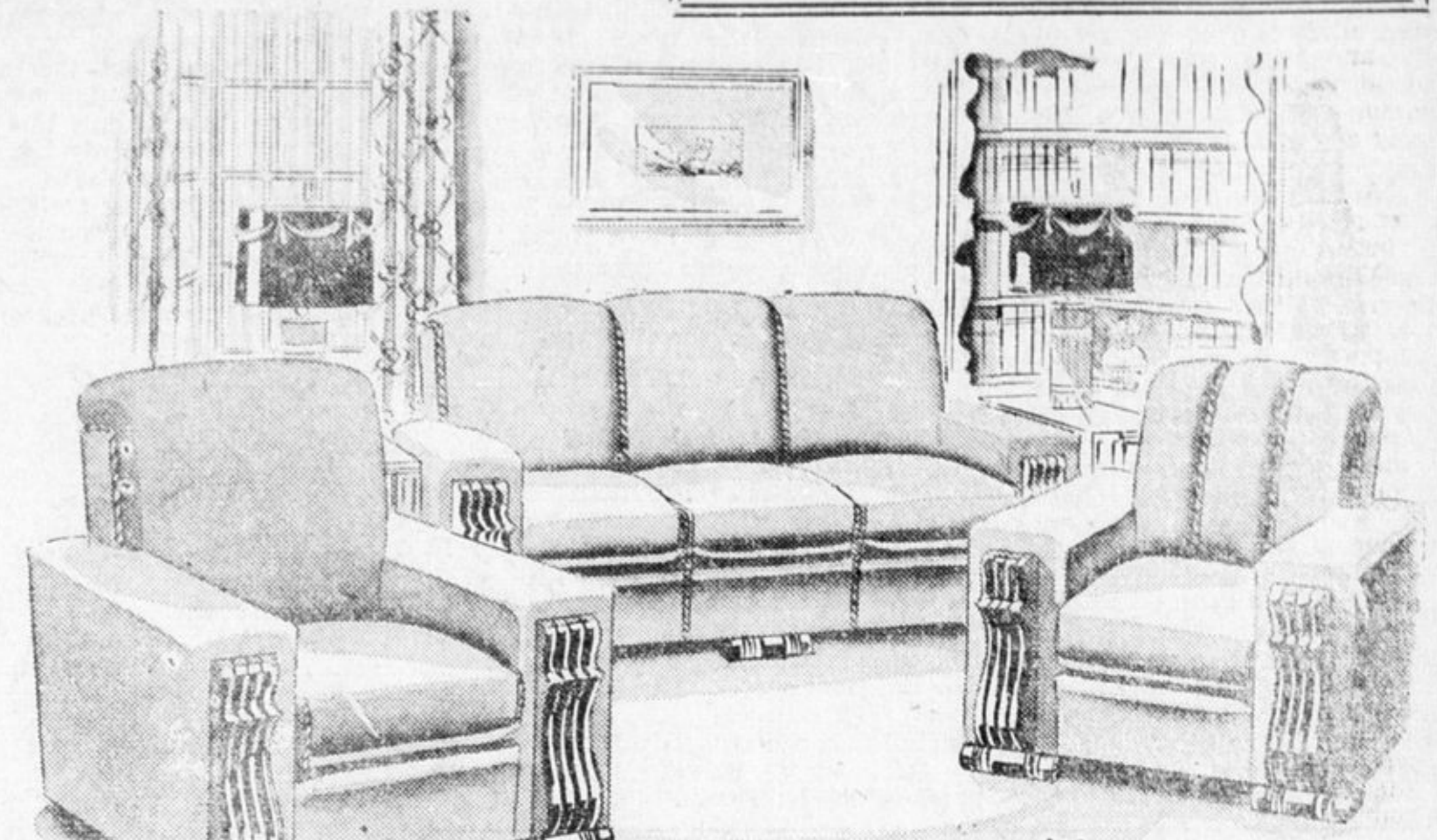
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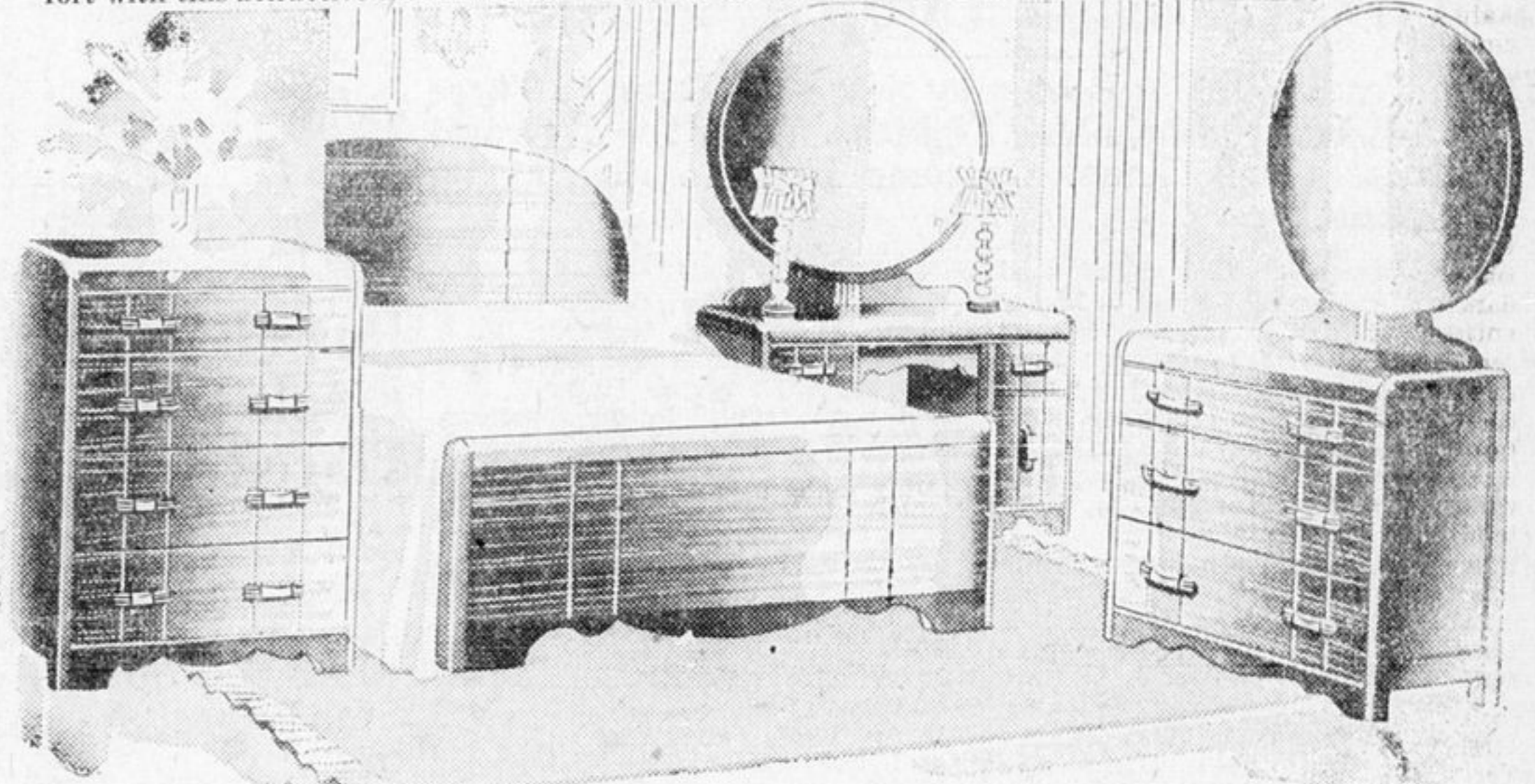
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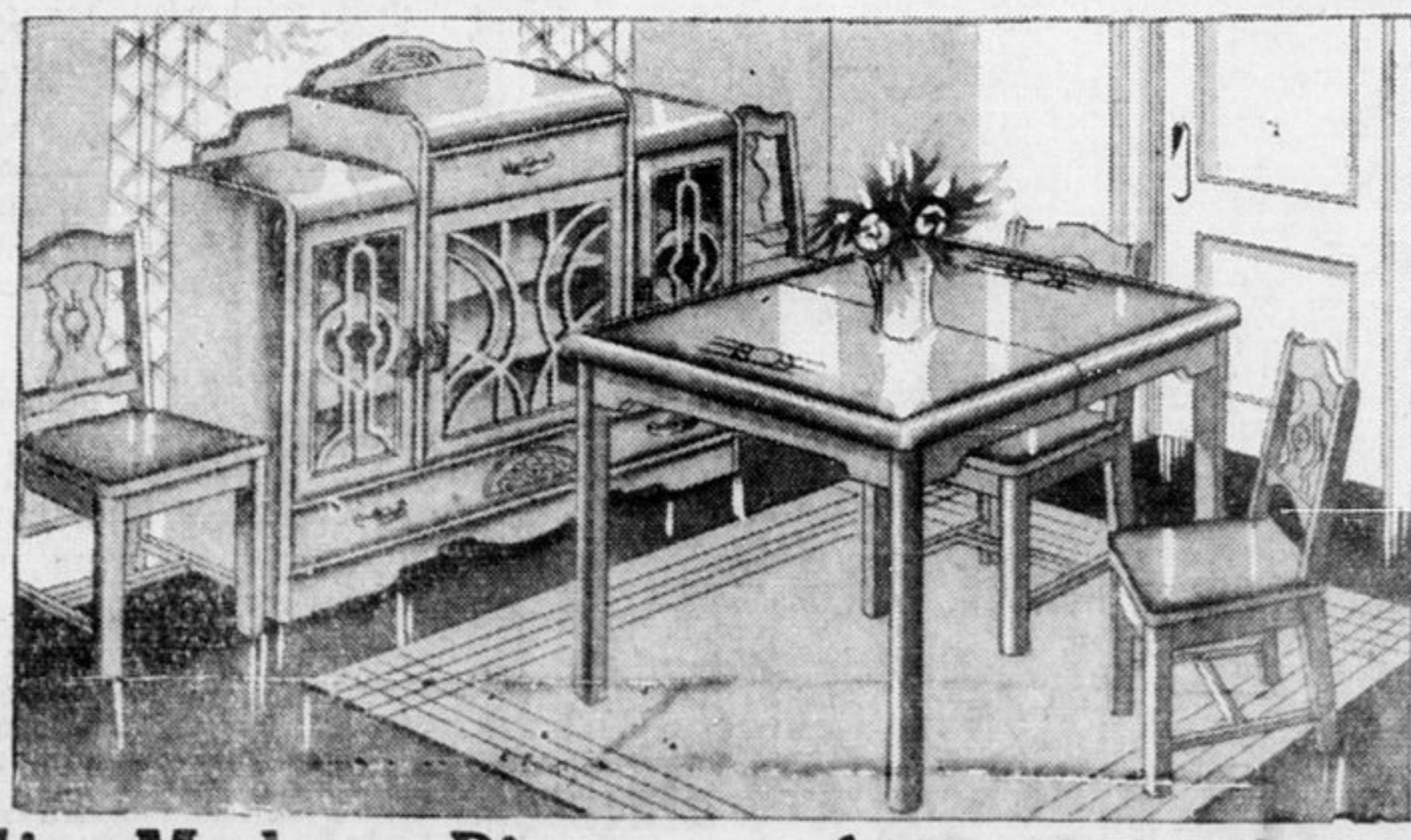
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