



# Canada's First Plant for the Exclusive Manufacture of Diesel Locomotives Opens in London

A new unit in Canada's fast-growing industrial development swings into action at London, Ontario with the "plant opening" of General Motors Diesel Limited. It is the first plant in Canada built for the exclusive manufacture of diesel locomotives—locomotives which are of 100 per cent General Motors design.

Specifically designed to apply the production line technique to the building of diesel locomotives, the new plant is geared for the production of one complete locomotive unit per day.

## Number of Employees

The establishment of this General Motors Diesel Limited plant at London means employment for more than 1,000 Canadians, many of whom were trained for their jobs at the H. B. Beal Technical and Commercial High School at London while the plant was still abuilding. In addition, a host of Canadian companies and their employees benefit directly through General Motors Diesel Limited's large purchases of equipment and supplies.



A short 10 months ago, ground for the new plant was first broken by the combined efforts of (left to right), Homer Hardy, then Reeve of London Township; E. V. Ripplingille, Jr., President of General Motors Diesel Limited; and Ray A. Dennis, then Mayor of London.

The building of this exclusive diesel locomotive plant was carried out in the record time of 310 days, "on time" with the building schedule previously laid down. As each bay of the plant was completed, work on the first locomotives was carried on. Visitors to the company's "plant opening" will have a first hand opportunity to view the construction of these diesel locomotives.

## First Locomotives Nearing Completion

Before the end of the month, General Motors Diesel Limited will make its first delivery of Canadian manufactured General Motors locomotives. Orders on hand call for several types of locomotives ranging in power from 600, 800, 1200 to 1500 horsepower. First to be delivered will be 1500 H.P. heavy freight units and 1500 H.P. general purpose switchers. These will be followed by other models which make up the complete line of General Motors Locomotives.

## First Products of Plant FP-7 Freight Locomotive and GP-7 General Purpose Switcher

The first two products of the new plant, ready shortly for delivery to Canadian railroads show something of the varied nature of General Motors diesel railway power. The FP-7 unit is a 1500 horsepower streamliner designed for hauling either heavy freight or fast passenger trains. The road switcher, designated as GP-7, is a 1500 horsepower general purpose locomotive, at home in either yard or road work. Both types can combine with other units for multiple operation giving increased power combinations up to 6000 horsepower.



## Complete Line of Locomotives to be Built Here

The new plant will serve Canada with a complete line of locomotives designed to handle any major job in rail or industrial requirements. There will be the F-7, the big 1500 horsepower road freight unit similar to the FP-7 but designed for freight service only. There will be the GP-7, a 1500 horsepower general purpose road switching locomotive designed to be equally effective in yard or road work; and, there will be a series of yard switchers ranging from 600 to 1200 horsepower. These locomotives—of General Motors design and manufacture—are built under a single responsibility. All major components are serviced completely by the one organization.