

RACING DRIVER

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"I suppose," he said casually, "that Professor Ellington will be going out as the head of some sort of expedition? I mean, there'll be a whole gang of scientists and professors—"

"Why, not exactly," said Dr. Tomkins, and chuckled yet again. "You see, the professor is not exactly at one with most of his scientific confreres. I have heard him refer to them on one occasion as 'sheep's heads' and on another as 'tertiary fossils.' At the moment he is carrying on five separate controversies with the heads of five different university colleges."

"No, Professor Ellington will be travelling alone—or at least accompanied only by his daughter."

PROFESSOR'S FIRST QUESTION

"Ah!" said Frank. "Is she interested in old bones, too?" he asked.

"Yes and no. Yes, because in a manner of speaking her future is tied up with old bones." The genial doctor frowned, as at some of his pleasant thoughts. "Young Rupert— young prig," he muttered to himself. And to Frank: "You see, she's going out to—"

But at that moment the door opened and a tall man with a hard bald head and a bristling black moustache entered. "Hope I'm not bothering you?" he said briskly. "How's the patient?"

The doctor rose hurriedly. "Both okay," he said. "All right, I mean. Right as rain. Well, I must be off. Professor Goodbye, Mr. Carter. Glad to have met you. I don't suppose I'll see you again before you sail, at any rate. Best of luck in the Grand Prix. Take things easy for a couple of days, you and the little chap, and you'll both be fit as fiddlers!"

A brisk handshake, and he was gone.

Professor Ellington seated himself on the chair the doctor had vacated. His black-hair hands rested on his knees, half concealed by his huge shirt cuffs. The torn pocket of

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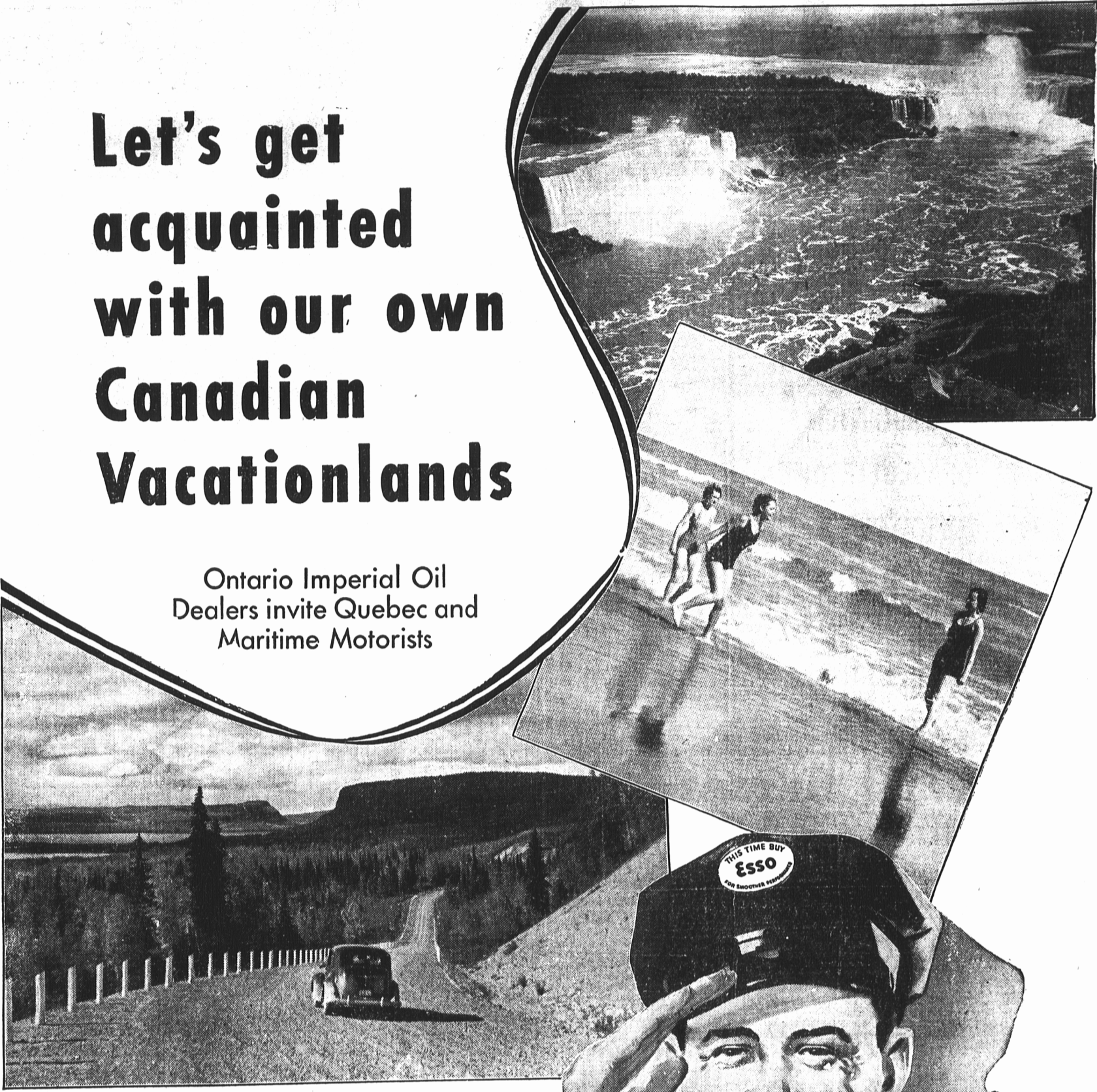
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