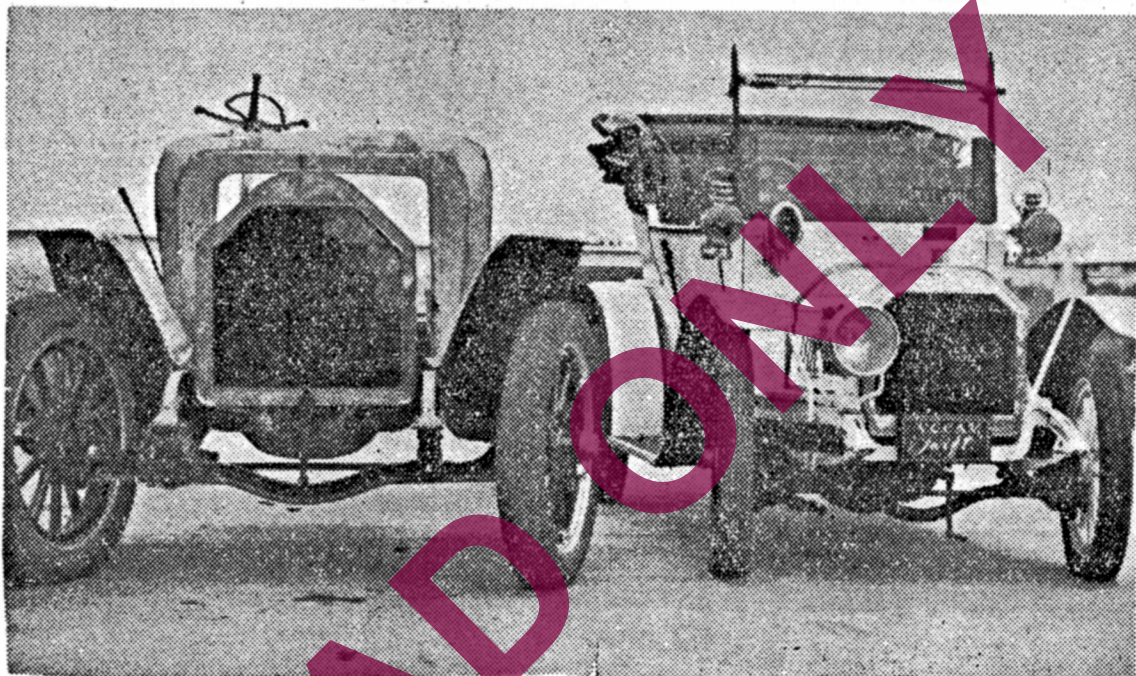


Dame Nellie Melba's car



After restoration in the late 1950s.

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A 1910 RUSSELL CAR (left), once owned by Dame Nellie Melba, is being restored by Gippsland dairy farmer Leo Dwyer, of Newry, near Sale.

The 30 hp Russell was imported from America and given to Dame Nellie Melba by her father. New Russells cost \$1375 in 1910.

Mr Dwyer discovered Melba's car under a boxthorn hedge at Heyfield, eight miles from Newry. He recovered its back axle from a car trailer at Bairnsdale.

The car on the right is a 1908 Swift, also owned by Mr Dwyer.