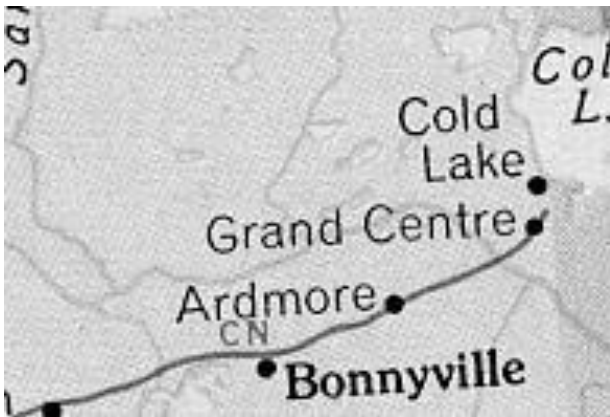


Grand Centre

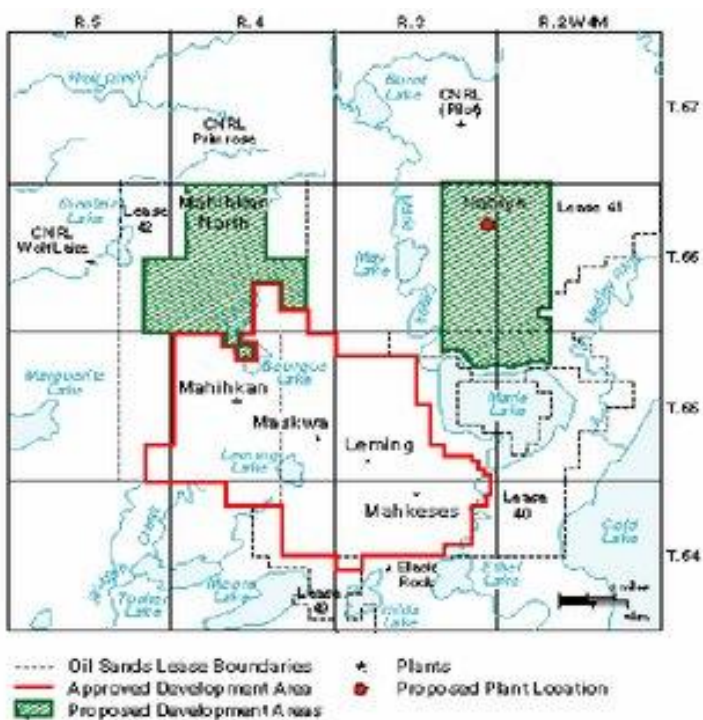
The coming of the railroad to LeGoff in 1931 and then to Grand Centre in 1951 over the 102 foot the Beaver River Trestle was a big change for the entire Cold lake area. Developments in the area affected the people of the surrounding communities. The opening of the Grand Centre creamery by Mr. Toppenberg, proved a boon to the many farmers who had no stable market for their dairy products.



The construction and arrival of the Cold Lake Air Base in 192 was the next great important event the area. Businessmen benefited because of increased business and the many farmers and residents found work and they were at last paid a set wage for their services. The main runway and two hanger were usable by spring 1954. The work at the Base was continued for many years as new facilities were added. A school started in 1954, roads paved in 1955, an Airbase hospital in 1954 and in 1977 the Primrose Bombing Range was added.



Grand Centre 1955



Imperial Esso Resources

In 1980 the Esso Resources development began another era of growth for the area.



Imperial Plant

In 1999 the City of Cold Lake resulted from the amalgamation of Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Medley.