Northern Ontario Blues

Mac Beattie, the quintessential Ottawa Valley singer showed with this tune that he was in touch with the musical currents of the century. "Northern Ontario Blues" is a gentle swing blues that Bob Wills would have understood. This song, along with a number of others, was included in Beattie's 1982 autobiography, This Ottawa Valley of Mine.

There's a Northern railway,
Leading out of North Bay,
Up along the Temagami line,
Where the old coaches lurch,
Through the poplars and birch,
Up to Kirkland Lake
And Porcupine.
Got to make me some calls,
In at Iroquois Falls.
And at Timmins, old friendships renew.
So I'm packing my sack,
And I'm hitting the track.
I've got the Northern Ontario Blues.

Chorus:

NORTHERN ONTARIO BLUES

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