

## MARITIME CASE ON CROW'S NEST RATES IS HEARD

R. E. Finn, M. P., of Halifax, Presents Argument For the East

Special to The Telegraph-Journal. OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—R. E. Finn, M. P. for Halifax, presented the case of the Maritime Provinces today in connection with the argument before the Privy Council. When the Crow's Nest case became effective in 1907, he said, very little was known about them in the east. They were looked on as applying only to the west and because, in 1900, the general rate structure went below the Crow's Nest level and so remained until 1917, the benefits which should accrue to the Maritimes under the Crow's Nest Act were still invisible.

This continued through the various phases which the act had gone through until July 1 of this year, when it again became effective.

Maritimes Cut Off.

They then discovered that the C. P. R. had arbitrarily cut the Maritimes off, making Megantic, in the province of Quebec, the eastern boundary in which the rates were to become effective. This was done in the face of a specific provision that the rate should apply "westward from and including Fort William and all points east thereon on the company's railway". That portion of the C. P. R. from St. John to Megantic was cut out and the percentage decreased in rates of from 10 to 80-85 per cent were not applied, which was a gross discrimination against our cordage and binder twine industry, iron and steel, paint and others.

Applied to Grain.

This arbitrary action on the part of the C. P. R. equally applied to the rate on eastbound traffic on grain and flour from west of Fort William to Fort William and Fort Arthur and all points east as far as St. John, which should have meant a reduction in the grain rate of three cents per hundred bushels and would have induced a flow of traffic to St. John of great dimensions.

He also accentuated the fact that if the railways had a grievance because of the action of the C. P. R. and the Railway Commission, that of the Maritime Provinces, including P. E. Island, was

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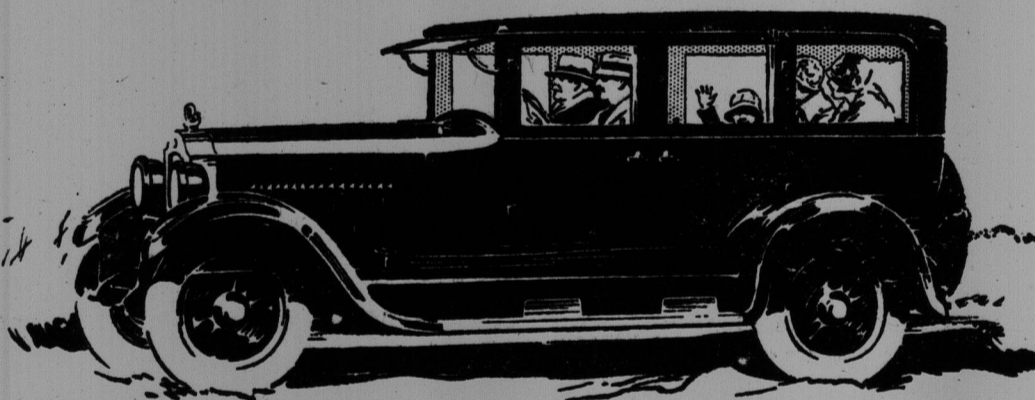


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ed, therefore, the Railway Board must apply the Crow's Nest rates to the whole C. P. R. system.

Necessarily the Canadian National must follow and all discriminations would be thereby removed.

### ELECTION DECISION AFTER HOLIDAYS

FREDERICTON, Dec. 5.—Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick, who had spent a few days here on departmental work as Minister of Public Works, left tonight for his home in Bathurst. Premier Veniot said that he would go to St. John next week, the

meeting of the Government opening there Tuesday morning. On Tuesday evening the Government will come to Fredericton to continue the meeting. A session here Tuesday night will depend upon the time the members are able to leave St. John.

The Premier said that nothing concerning by-elections would be determined until after the holiday season was over.

Keep Minard's Lament in the House. A new can opener, that bends the rough edges downward as it cuts, eliminates the danger of cutting hands.

## CHAMBERLAIN AND HERRIOT DISPOSE OF MINOR ISSUES

Basis is Laid For More Friendly Discussion of Pending Problems

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The basis for the better discussion of big pending problems was laid today during a conference between Austen Chamberlain, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and M. Herriot, the French Premier. Indisputably the conference disposed of some minor questions at issue between Great Britain and France.

They avoided, however, any painful subjects, such as inter-allied debts, as far as could be learned tonight. It was the first meeting between the statesmen.

### Had Long Talk.

Mr. Chamberlain's knowledge of the French language did away with the necessity of an interpreter, so that the statesmen had a long heart-to-heart talk. The nature of their discussion naturally became known only through their reserved comments. Both, however, said they were highly pleased and announced that they had agreed on all business matters such as a decision for maintaining Embassies in Constantinople and the adoption of harmonious policies at the Rome meeting of the Council of the League.

Mr. Chamberlain, for his part, promised to support the appointment of a Frenchman as chairman of the League of Nations committee for investigation of German armaments.

### Statement to Press.

Before leaving, the Foreign Minister wrote a statement to the press for the press of the two countries which he addressed directly to the newspapers. The statement was as follows: "We Ministers and politicians work our hardest to confirm and fortify the bonds of friendship which unite our two countries by the memories of common glory, common suffering and common interest. Lend us your power to aid. Do not emphasize the differences which may arise from time to time between the best of friends."

"Let the British press make it its duty to explain the French viewpoint. Let the press of France, on its side, make it its motto to explain the British viewpoint to its compatriots. Make yourselves, on either side of the channel, defenders of that entente cordiale which must always unite France and Great Britain. You will thus help us effectively."

## BLESS CHURCH BELL

Ceremony Arranged in Stella Maris Parish, East St. John

The blessing of the bell to be installed in the Stella Maris Church has been arranged for Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The ceremony is to take place in the main church, with His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc officiating, assisted by clergy from the city. Rev. Father Meehan, C. S. R., will deliver the sermon. The bell is a gift from the Longshoremen's Union, and was the Labor bell which stood for years in Market Square. The bell is given in memory of the deceased members of the union.

## DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF BANK SCHEME

### Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—"I never heard of it," said Hon. Charles Murphy, Postmaster-General, tonight in commenting on a report from Toronto that the Federal Government was planning to enlarge the post office savings banks in order to raise funds for rural credit scheme in western Canada. Mr. Murphy disclaimed any knowledge of such a scheme.

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