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LEADERS DENY SAW-OFF PACT ON ELECTIONS

No Arrangement to Trade
Seats With Conservatives,
King Declares

VOTING FEBRUARY 28

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Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Rumors that the Liberal and Conservative Parties would reach a "saw-off arrangement" in the by-elections in St. John-Albert, New Brunswick, and Argenteuil, Quebec, were officially denied over the week-end.

In some quarters it had been reported that the Conservatives would concede a Liberal acclamation in St. John in return for a Conservative acclamation in Quebec.

Prime Minister King denied most emphatically that any saw-off had been arranged, or was contemplated. An official of the Conservative Party said, so far as he was aware, nothing of this nature had been arranged.

The Argenteuil seat was made vacant by the death of Sir George Perley. Sir George won the seat in the 1935 general elections by a majority of less than 300. Until the 1935 elections St. John-Albert had been a Conservative seat. It is now vacant because of the death of W. M. Ryan, who captured the seat for the Liberals in 1935 by a majority of several thousand.

The by-elections have been called for Feb. 28.

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