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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, May 17th.—Additional facilities for the port of Halifax will be provided at an early date, to equip it to share in the export of grain which will flow over the Canadian National Lines to the seaboard. It is learned here that the building of a grain elevator at that port, which the Board of Trade and shipping interests there have been urging upon the Government supported by the members for Halifax, Messrs MacLean and Finn, and other Nova Scotia representatives, has been decided upon and that an appropriation for its construction will appear in the supplementary estimates which the Minister of Finance will bring down after the budget debate is finished. The erection of a grain elevator at Halifax will add an important unit to the equipment of the port as a Trans-Atlantic terminus and is expected to be as so an important factor in developing traffic on the Atlantic region of the C. N. R.

London, May 17.—Leonid Krassin, Russian Soviet Commissaire for foreign trade, had a two-hour conference with Marquis Curzon at the Foreign Office today, concerning the recent exchange of notes by the two governments. Both sides agreed to reveal nothing publicly regarding the nature of discussion and it is apparent from the extreme secrecy observed in the other governmental departments that Lord Curzon is determined nothing shall be announced regarding the decisions taken until the conversations are concluded. The Russians Trade Delegation was equally unconmu-

nicative, as soon as M. Krassin has communicated Lord Curzon's view of the Soviet Government and received a reply he will have another conference with the Foreign Secretary. Optimism is expressed in official circles that the negotiations with Krassin will result in an amicable solution.

London, May 17th.—Discussion arose in the House of Commons today between the government spokesmen and the Labourites as to the actual significance of the lengthy meeting between the Foreign Secretary, Marquis Curzon and M. Krassin. The labourites made evident their fear that during the Whitsuntide recess the government might take some step against Russia, without parliamentary consent. Replying to the debate, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ronald Mr. McNeill contended that the British ultimatum to Moscow still stood and all that had been done was to give time to Krassin in which to communicate with his government. Mr. Ramsay McDonald insisted that the House interpreted last Tuesday's debate as implying that the ultimatum was held in abeyance. He expressed dissatisfaction with Mr. McNeill's statement, which he took to intimate that no further note would be received from the Soviet unless it was in the form of an acceptance of the British demands. Finally, appeal was made to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, as leader of the House and acting Premier. Mr. Baldwin supported Mr. McNeill's view and declared that should it become obvious that no agreement was possible with the Soviet, the Government could not be tied in its action by the fact that Parliament was not sitting. At the same time, he was hopeful of a favourable

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issue. Upon being closely pressed by Mr. McDonald he admitted that this did not necessarily mean acceptance of the British ultimatum word for word and comma for comma, but general satisfaction of the British demands.

London, May 18th Mr. Bonar Law, who has returned to London after a comparatively brief rest trip abroad, was seen walking about London as usual yesterday. His physical condition appears to be somewhat improved, certainly it is no worse than when he went away.

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