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58. The Prime Minister said that he had received a letter from Mr. Fisher, M.P., saying that AVRO would close down the plant of its Canadian Car subsidiary at Port Arthur. A delegation wanted to come to Ottawa early in January and present a brief. The operations would be moved to Montreal. The question was whether he or a group of ministers should receive the delegation.

59. During the brief discussion it was noted that the decision of Avro to move to Montreal was the decision of a private company with which it was not possible to interfere. From the political point of view, it seemed wise to listen to the delegation, which could be received by appropriate ministers.

60. The Cabinet agreed that the delegation from Port Arthur in connection with the closing of the Canadian Car operation there should be allowed to present a brief before a suitable group of ministers.

R.B. Bryce,
Secretary to the Cabinet.