

WESTERN STRIKE IS OFF

Miners In British Columbia and Alberta Return To Work.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—Following the conferences here between representatives of the Government and the mining unions the Fernie strike has been called off. Messrs. Graham and Rees, the men's representatives, wired instructions West that the men return to work. The Department of Labor's fair-wage officer at Calgary, Alta., Fred Harrison, will immediate-

ly investigate the increased cost of living at Fernie, Lethbridge, and Calgary between July 1 and November 22. The miners are willing to accept the equivalent of this increase in lieu of the 25 per cent. bonus which they made their first demand. After Mr. Harrison reports, the matter will be taken up anew with the operators.

Harrison is also to probe the allegations that immediately after each wage increase to the men the local merchants to the same or a greater extent advance the price of commodities.