

GOV'T MAY BE FORCED TO RUN FERNIE MINES

Whether Government intervention in the labor dispute between the miners and operators of District 18, which comprises the mines of Fernie, Lethbridge, and Calgary, will be necessary or not will be known today. The operators were in conference all yesterday and late last night it was stated that they had their statement ready to present to the Government and the representatives of the men. This will be presented at a meeting between those interested tomorrow morning.

The closing of the mines would be a serious matter to the coal consumers of the prairies whose supplies are said to be short and to the smelters of British Columbia which are refining copper and zinc for munition plants. The Government could not see the mines idle and it would not be surprising if the operators stand pat to see the Government take over the mines as did the British authorities in Wales.