

# MINERS DEMAND

## SINGLE SHIFT

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### Fernie Workers Will Not Return to Work Until Request is Granted and May Strike Saturday

FERNIE, B. C., Sept. 6.—At a mass meeting of miners held in the miners' hall here this morning, it was decided not to return to work until the demand for a single shift was granted, and if not granted by Sunday, the whole of District 18 will be called out and the pit bosses will refuse to dig coal to heat the boilers, so everything will be cold.

There are 800 miners affected at Fernie and 500 at Michel. The mine is situated at Coal Creek, five miles from Fernie.

At present there are two shifts of eight hours each operating, with an interval of four hours between each shift, but the miners claim that this interval is not sufficient to permit all the gas fumes to escape.

An expert a year ago declared that there should be but one shift, which would give sufficient time for the gas to escape during the remaining 16 hours of the day.