

# PROTECT ORES FOR EMPIRE USE

## Premier Brewster Will Meet Premier Borden—Remove Possibility of Alien Control.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6.—That steps will be taken by the provincial government to secure the co-operation of the federal government in a plan whereby those ores produced in British Columbia and required in the manufacture of munitions of war may be placed under reserve for the use of the Empire and removed from any possible control by alien and enemy interests was announced yesterday by Premier Brewster when, addressing a deputation of business men of Victoria who urged the government assistance to inaugurate the iron and steel industry.

Premier Brewster stated it is his intention when Sir Robert Borden is in British Columbia shortly, to discuss this question, and he hopes some arrangement will be arrived at.

The premier's announcement was made after some discussion concerning the possibility of the re-opening of the Ladysmith smelter, the property of an English concern.