

STRIKERS HEAR MINE WILL CLOSE

Announcement Made by Paper Controlled by Union Officials Who Called Men From Work.

VICTORIA, June 7.—In a wire to Premier Oliver, S. Whitehouse, president of the Miners' Union at Fernie, states that a newspaper article published in a Fernie journal intimated that the Crow's Nest Coal Company intended to close its mine on account of the strike.

As such a course would mean the enforced idleness of many men in the neighborhood, Premier Oliver is asked by Mr. Whitehouse whether the government would take action to avert such a contingency. Mr. Oliver has discovered, however, that the paper making the announcement is controlled entirely by union officials of District 18, upon whose instruction the present strike of coal miners has been called. Further, Mr. Oliver is informed that the company is taking such measures as it deems necessary, under the circumstances, for the proper protection of its property.