

# OFFICERS KEEP MOB FROM MINE

## Crowd Composed of Alien Enemies Threatens to Kill Owner and Wreck Property.

CALGARY, Feb. 5.—The story of how Inspector Newcombe and Corpl. Hutchings, of the R.N.W.M.P., stood off a mob of 350 infuriated coal miners at Drumheller on Saturday last, will go on the records of the R.N.W.M.P. as one of the finest bits of police work in the history of the force.

The trouble started at the Rosedale mine, Drumheller, which is operated by Frank Moody, and which is not a union mine. Two organizers were ejected from the property and later spread reports of having been badly man-handled. This aroused the ire of the rest of the miners in the Drumheller field, some 2000, and on Saturday afternoon, 350 of them marched on the Moody property, threatening to destroy the mine and to kill Moody.

The two police officers, amid calls of "kill Moody," stood their ground, with the mob of excited foreigners surging about them.

The slightest break would have kindled a fire which would have resulted in the death of the mine officials and the wrecking of valuable property.

The mob continued to utter threats, but the superior and commanding attitude of the police, and what they stand for, finally won out, after a strenuous hour and a half. The mob left the scene uttering threats.

### Brought in Machine Gun.

Later in the day, the miners held a meeting and announced that on Monday morning they would return to the mine, 800 strong, kill Moody and destroy the property. The police, in the meantime, had sent for reinforcements, and 16 men with a machine gun from Calgary, under Major Fitzhorrigan, reached the scene late Saturday night.

Word of their arrival reached the mines on Sunday and there was no attempt to gather for the attack. In the meantime, the police are guarding the property and will remain there until the strike is settled.

Yesterday morning, the rest of the miners in the Drumheller field went out on strike, and during the day several meetings were held, but there has been no rioting.

During the day, W. Armstrong, of Vancouver, supervisor of mines for this district, arrived in Calgary and this afternoon held a conference with W. Biggs, president of the United Mine Workers' union.

Of the mob on Saturday, fully 80 per cent were aliens, the majority being Austrians, Poles and Germans.