

MINERS UNREST SUBSIDES, BUT IS NOT ENDED

Patiently Waiting Presentation of Demands Through the Proper Channels

FERNIE, B. C., May 9.—The unrest in local labor which culminated in a brief cessation at the Coal Creek mines here last week, while temporarily subsided, it is quite apparent that the abatement is not of a permanent nature, and that those interested are now equally as earnest in their endeavor to exact their demands and are only patiently awaiting the presentation of them through the proper channels.

The purpose of the cessation was the formulation of a demand on the Crow's Nest Coal company for a ten per cent. increase in the wages of the haulage hands as a war bonus, and it is evident that this movement instituted here is gaining widespread support, inasmuch as the mine employees at Michel colliery, operated by the same company, at a meeting held Sunday, unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that each local union in this district be circularized, soliciting the endorsement of the membership at large in a uniform demand by the organized employees for the immediate compliance by the operators to concede the war bonus to all classes of mine labor. Should this amplification of the original demand by the Michel miners be approved by the local miners as well as the remaining organized camps in district number eighteen, over five thousand mine employees will be affected and arrayed against the Western Coal Operators' association, comprising 20 coal mining companies.