

FERNIE STRIKE IS ABOUT OVER

Miners Volunteer to Go Back to
Work at Once if Investigat-
ing Commission is
Appointed.

MEN HAVE BEEN IDLE
FOR NEARLY A MONTH

Move is First Attempt at Settle-
ment—Federal Government
Not Interested.

FERNIE, B. C., June 20.—After nearly four weeks' strike in coal mines here and throughout District 18, with apparently no outward attempt towards settlement, the first intimation that there is possibility of early adjustment was given out here last night by the miners' representatives.

The miners' headquarters have applied to Premier Oliver for the appointment of a commission to investigate wages and working conditions within the mines, and have undertaken that upon this request being granted the strike should be declared off within twenty-four hours.

Similar representations have been made to the federal government through Dr. Donnell, the local member, and an extract from communications received from him today reads as follows:

"Deputy Minister Labor Ackland wishes me to impress upon your union as strongly as possible the fact that the federal government had no jurisdiction whatever over working conditions in the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. This jurisdiction is strictly in the hands of provincial government at Victoria."

A telegram has been received from Premier Oliver that the provincial government have the local situation in hand, and that further information as to the proposed offer for settlement will be forthcoming shortly. Minister of Mines Sloan is expected here next week.