

# MINERS' LEADERS

## RETURN TO FERNIE

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### Will Try Out One Shift Plan—No Reduction in Output.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers at Fernie, who have been in Vancouver conferring with Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines; W. H. Armstrong, fuel administrator for Eastern British Columbia, and the operators, in regard to their demand for one shift a day at the mines of eight hours, left for Fernie again on Sunday, after agreeing to a compromise effective during the next 30 days, by which time it is believed a commission appointed to investigate conditions at the mines, will hand in its report.

The minister suggested to the men that they return to work on the two-shift-a-day plan until the commission had made its report, but a vote of the miners at Fernie rejected this offer. Now the men have agreed to go back to work for 30 days at the one-shift-a-day plan pending the report of the commission, and the minister has submitted this plan to E. R. Wilson, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Collieries.

The company has taken the stand that the one-shift-a-day plan will materially curtail the output at the mines, but this the men say will not occur, and have agreed that the output will remain the same. Unless the company agrees to the one-shift-a-day plan they state that all of the mines in Eastern British Columbia and part of Alberta will be forced to close down when the men quit work.