

RECOVERING FROM STRIKE

Mayor of Fernie Says Conditions Are Good There.

Despite the fact that the strike of coal miners, which was brought to a close three weeks ago, after a duration of three months, has left many employees of the mines out of work, conditions at Fernie are much better than would be anticipated, according to Mayor Thomas Uphill of that city, who is at the Hotel Vancouver. In company with D. McDougall, fire chief, and others, he is attending the Conservative convention.

"The merchants have, of course, felt the effects of the strike very much," he explained, "as our payrolls are mostly all derived from the

mining industry. Business had been good previously, however, and they have been able to stand the siege. I am in hopes that with the strike over Fernie will go ahead by leaps and bounds."

Chief McDougall states that forest fires in and around Fernie were prevalent during the summer months, when there was a very dry spell. Of late, however, all danger from this source has passed.