

COAL STRIKE SITUATION VERY GRAVE

British Miners and the Govern-
ment Fail To Reach An
Agreement.

MAY BEGIN SATURDAY

Walkout May Also Involve the
Transport Workers.

(Canadian Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 23.—The coal sit-
uation tonight is very grave, hopes
entertained earlier in the week of an
amicable settlement not having been
realized.

Interviews between the Government
and the miners have had no result,
and unless there is some eleventh-
hour surprise a strike will commence
on Saturday, which may involve all
transport workers as well as miners.
The miners' executive today reject-
ed a proposal to take a second ballot
on the proposal of premier Lloyd
George yesterday for an impartial in-
quiry on the wage demand of the
scheme of adjustment by output.
It is known there is considerable
opposition to a strike.
The public manifests little anxiety.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(By Associated
Press.)—Premier Lloyd George made
another appeal to the miners to accept
the Government's proposal and refer
the question of an increase in wages
to an independent tribunal, or, as an
alternative, to meet the owners and
agree upon a scheme increasing the
output, which the Government believes
would give the miners more wages than
they are demanding.

But the premier's appeal was futile.
The miners insisted that their demand
of a two-shillings increase should be
granted immediately, and passed a
resolution refusing to withdraw the
strike notices which expire Saturday.

Miners' Idle Monday.

Thus, unless the Government relents
within the next 48 hours, the miners
will, after the last shift on Saturday,
lay down their tools and the mines
will be idle Monday.

At a meeting of the miners' repre-
sentatives during the day, Robert Smil-
lie reported on the position taken up
by the premier and his offer. He said
the committee could not recommend
the acceptance of either of the Govern-
ment's proposals. A lengthy discus-
sion ensued as to whether the Govern-
ment's proposal to submit the question
of wages to an impartial tribunal
should be referred back to the dis-
tricts and a vote was taken.

Mr. Smillie, as president, submitted
a resolution to do this, but on a card
vote it was decided that nothing had
happened which required such refer-
ence back.

Telegrams were sent to the various
districts calling on all workers necessary
for the maintenance of the pumping and
coking plants and other machinery, and
the care of the horses to continue work-
ing until further notice.

Premier Explains.

At the meeting a letter was read from
the premier, explaining in detail his pro-
posal for a conference between the
miners, mine owners and officials of the
department of mines to secure a better
output.

President Smillie and Frank Hodges
replied in substance:

"Our executive repeat their assurance
that when the present wage claim is
disposed of they will be prepared to
undertake an inquiry into the whole
wage system."

The premier further replied urging
acceptance of his proposal, and pointing
out that if it was rejected "it would re-
mind you that a peaceful method of
settling the wage claim is still open
to you by a means similar to that
adopted by the railwaymen and a ma-
jority of your colleagues in the Triple
Alliance."

The premier meant by this reference
the industrial court.

A Day of Conferences.

This was a day of conferences. First
the Triple Alliance, composed of the
miners, railwaymen and transport
workers, met as one body; then there
were sectional meetings and finally an
another joint meeting lasting until mid-
night.

Many of the leaders favored concilia-
tion and further negotiations with the
Government, but so far as the miners
were concerned the majority decided
to endeavor to get what they desired
by means of a strike. This policy hav-
ing been adopted, it remained for the
Triple Alliance to decide what, if any
action the railwaymen and transport
workers should take to support the
miners.

Could Not Decide.

There were many speeches but the
long conference could not reach a de-
cision, and adjournment was taken
until tomorrow. This adjournment will
give the Government another oppor-
tunity to find a peaceful solution, and
Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Robert Horne,
president of the board of trade, are
remaining in town over the week-end,
in case their services are necessary.

The failure of the Triple Alliance to
reach an agreement also gives strength
to the influence working for a settle-
ment, and to a large minority of the
miners who have failed to hand in their
notices and who probably will refuse
to go out unless they are assured of
the support of their fellow trades union-
ists. This minority, according to a re-
port issued last night, consists of 34
per cent of the miners of South Wales,
38 per cent of West Yorkshire, and 40
per cent of Worcestershire and South Staf-
fordshire.

OBJECT TO SECOND BALLOT.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The representa-
tives of the Miners' Federation, meet-
ing separately this afternoon, rejected
a motion by Robert Smillie, their leader,
to take a second ballot on the question
of striking, and submitting the miners'
demand for a two-shilling increase in
wages to arbitration.

STRAITFORD FAIR

MIDWAY EMPLOYEE

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

STRAITFORD, Sept. 23.—A man
named Oatlander was found lying un-
conscious along the Grand Trunk tracks
Thursday morning shortly after the
Brown & Lyster train left Woodstock.
As he is a member of the midway
it is supposed he either missed the train
and tried to catch another, or was
struck with a car. He was taken to
the hospital and will soon be up again.

Elated with the success of the Agri-
cultural Society are boosting for a
four-day exhibit next year instead of
three-day fair. The attendance this
year is estimated up to 38,000. The
many industrial and business ex-
hibits have brought to the attention
of everyone the need for a manufac-
turers' building. President Orr and
Secretary Orr are both advocates of
a four-day fair.

RECORD ENTRIES

AT PETROLEA FAIR

Petrolea, Sept. 23.—The 44th annual
exhibition of the Petrolea and Ennis-
killen Agricultural Society opened here
today, and never in the history of the
fair has there been finer displays of
fruits, grains and vegetables. The entry
lists this year break all records, and
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BEEF STOCKS HELD IN STORAGE IS NOT AS GREAT AS YEAR AGO

Dominion Bureau of Statis-
tics Publishes Report On
Products Situation.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The Dominion
Bureau of Statistics, internal trade
division, publishes today a report show-
ing the stocks of meats, produce and
fish in cold storage and in process of
cure on September 1.

The creamery butter in storage
amounts to 23,825,514 pounds, and dairy
butter amounts to 1,315,709 pounds.
Comparative figures show stocks of
creamery butter to have increased 22.7
per cent from last month and decreased
.28 per cent from last year.

Cheese stocks amount to 16,041,019
pounds, showing an increase of 45 per
cent from August 1, but a decrease of
27.45 per cent from last year.

Egg stocks include 14,615,300 dozen
in cold storage, 784 dozen other than
cured, 253,563 pounds of cured, 253,563
pounds of fresh, and 377,007 pounds of
frozen. Cold storage eggs show an in-
crease of 15 per cent from last month
and 11.38 per cent from last year.

Fork stocks in storage and in process
of cure total 28,069,530 pounds. These
stocks include 5,532,236 pounds of frozen,
1,026,771 pounds fresh unfrozen, 1,556,859
pounds of broilers, 89,841 pounds of
sweet pickled, and 13,339,405 pounds in
process of cure. Comparative figures
show a big decrease in pork in stor-
age.

Beef stocks in storage and in process
of cure total 6,956,012 pounds, of which
2,346,370 pounds are frozen, 2,487,394
pounds unfrozen, 358,385 pounds of
cured, 253,563 pounds of fresh, and 1,772
pounds of unclassified poultry.

The mutton and lamb in stor-
age amounts to 1,315,588 pounds, of which
1,129,295 pounds are frozen, 186,293
pounds unfrozen. Comparative
figures show an increase of 52.36
per cent from last month and 15.65 per
cent from last year.

The poultry stocks total 376,391
pounds, which is made up of 14,483
pounds of broilers, 89,841 pounds of
chickens, 91,928 pounds of fowl, 25,795
pounds of ducks, 4,634 pounds of geese,
41,978 pounds of turkeys, and 37,733
pounds of unclassified poultry.

The fish in cold storage amounts to
19,022,320 pounds, and other than cold
storage 3,780,615 pounds. Comparative
figures show the cold storage stocks to
have increased 7.70 per cent from last
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