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Judge Wylie Delays Probe Of Estevan Strike Tangle; Awaits Word From Ottawa

(By Staff Reporter)

ESTEVAN, Sept. 25.—Judge E. R. Wylie, of the district court, Estevan, has delayed his investigation into the strike situation in this area, pending word from Ottawa.

His honor was appointed Tuesday as a commissioner under the Enquiries act to investigate all aspects of the 18-day strike which has crippled industry in the Estevan and Bienfait districts. The strike sector was quiet all day Friday, the warring bodies apparently each waiting for a move on the part of the other. R.C.M.P. officers are keeping a vigilant watch on the mine fields, and while all is peaceful on the sector, this is being regarded as the calm which precedes the storm.

While Judge Wylie is delaying his investigations into the strike situation, the rumor grows in persistency that, in view of the collapse of negotiations between the miners and the Dominion conciliation officer, who left Estevan Thursday night, the commission may be cancelled. Judge Wylie had planned to start his investigations within two days of his appointment as commissioner.

An organization convention of the United Farmers of Canada was held in Estevan Friday afternoon

and while no stand was taken by the body on the issues of the strike, Mrs. A. Eddy, president of the M. & S. mine auxiliary of the Miners' Union, outlined the conditions which exist among the miners and their families and appealed to the farmers to support them with food and relief. Gordon Galloway was chairman of the meeting, which was attended by about 100 persons, and which was addressed by J. F. Herman and A. J. McAuley.

No further attempt has yet been made by the strikers to prevent work at the Truax-Traer mine, the only large mine operating in the field and over which between two and three hundred miners swarmed on Thursday morning. Officials of the miners' union maintain silence as to what they intend to do in this regard. Developments, however, are expected at any time. The detachment of R.C.M.P. officers in the district is being increased, and the district waits in grave anticipation for the next move in the complex situation.

Rumor was current Friday night that a number of the small operators in the field, who early in the week agreed to recognize the miners' union, are seeking to withdraw.