

Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. April 23, 1907

Hill to G. A. Cos, pres. of the coal co.

Conditions at Fernie are very bad. Graves of Granby Co. was just here. He tells me that the delays from strikes and inability to furnish a regular supply of coal have cost his company during the past six months over \$600,000 and he cannot continue as at present but will have to secure his company against such conditions as exist at present... His company is strong enough to do whatever they may decide... very unfortunate that Mr. Lindsey has involved the Dominion law at the time when miners were of so much importance to him... general fear among the miner that they were to be arrested and sent to jail

and that several hundred have left the camp for good... I... hope [redacted] at Mr. Lindsey... will try and meet the situation in a manner that will restore confidence and secure an early return of the miners to their work. There is such a demand for coal everywhere that miners' wages will be higher and this fact must be recognized

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