

committee up to date.

The meeting which commenced at 8 p.m. and lasted until nearly 1 a.m. had the general effect of clarifying the position of the industry's negotiating committee. During the past few days considerable criticism had been levelled at the committee for having gone too far in conciliatory offers. This criticism came particularly from the south and resulted in the offer of A.R. Garrish to resign his position as president of the BCFGA.

The meeting definately strengthened the committee's position.

The resolution expressing confidence in the committee also urged it to bring about a satisfactory and quick settlement of the strike. The resolution stipulated that any settlement must carry the provision that there be no changes in the clauses of the present union contract and that both parties agree there will be no discrimination against either those who went on strike or those who worked.

One speaker suggested that the strike be settled at all costs and was laughed and hooted back into his seat.

A.R. Garrish was selected as chairman of the meeting and accepted a resolution urging that only arbitration should be considered as a means of settling the strike. The chairman allowed a very long discussion on this point which got nowhere. The arbitration committee proposal consisted of a judge of the supreme court and the deputy ministers of agriculture and labour. Almost the same proposition had been turned down by the union when it was made some three weeks ago by Premier Bennett. Throughout the meeting there was no evidence of any panic and no indication that the growers were ready to capitulate. On the contrary, there appeared to be a general atmosphere of confidence and determination to see it through.