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"STRIKE SETTLEMENT TODAY?" PRINCIPALS MEETING THIS AFTERNNON BELIEVED NEAR Penticton, B.C. Friday September 9, 1955 The Herald (newspaper) "A high union official told The Herald at press time, " I think the strike is just about over. The two sides are meeting this afternoon and they'll stay all night if they shave to to bring this thing to a settlement." Hope runs high today that the 16-day old strike of packinghouse workers, which has threatened a cripploing blow to the Okanagan Valley despite the fact there has been a momement of fruit, will come to a peaceful settlement The optimism is shared by bot h cmaps-industry and labour alike. today. "Yes, it could be over today," spokesman for the duputants confirmed when pueried by The Herald today, an expression heretofore unheard in the period of time that has on occasion developed into bitterness since the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union struck for a 10 cents an hour wage increase, Aug. 25. MEETING TALKS AT KELOWNA (cont'd in the above article) At press time, industry and labour representatives were gatered in an attempt to hammer out a basis of peacedul settlement in the aggravating tie-up which both sides say they didn't want to see happen. The union labour negotiating committee met in Kelowna this morning to confer on industry's "latest and final offer." This afternmon they took their answer to the bargaining table.

Meanwhile, picket lines were being maintained, growers' faced up to the immense task of picking, packing and shipping, the CPR railway and members of the Brotherhood clarified their positions, the Western Conference of Teamsters stepped into the picture, growers maintained their previous offer to labour at an industry-wide meeting in Kelowna, Wednesday night, and A.R. Garrish, BCFGA president, agreed to withdraw his resignation.