

TRI-WEEKLY CIRCULATION
FOR WEEK ENDING
Aug. 31st, 1899.

Tuesday	1,202
Wednesday	1,100
Thursday	1,315
Total	3,617
Average	1,206

"To discontinue an advertisement," says John W. Wainwright, Philadelphia, "is like taking down your sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. Standing advertisements, when changed frequently are better and cheaper than rolling notices. They look more substantial and business like and inspire confidence. It would be a waste of doing business without them and not advertising."

The Gleaner.

JAS. H. CROCKET, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1899.

THE LONDON STRIKE.

The great strike at London is due, first to the refusal of the dock companies to increase the wages of their employees, and then to the fact that in many of the branches of the business of the great metropolis the laborers and other workmen considered that they were underpaid; and that it was time to demand a higher wage. The dock laborers want a penny an hour added to the present rate of wages, which is five pence. The work is hard, very hard, and the cost of living in the dock districts is abnormally high, while employment is irregular in the extreme, comparatively few men ever doing more than four days a week, and the majority rarely more than one or two. The dock laborer has to be making, and he is probably one of several hundreds, not above one thousand of whom will be taken on. Years ago, in the golden age of the docks, there was work and to spare for all who applied, and wages were high. But partly because of the general depression and partly, partly through serious blunders committed by the dock companies, partly through the removal of the shipping to northern ports on account of the enormous charges of the London docks, for which exorbitant amounts are largely to blame, the East London docks are by no means what they were. The men have been left hand to mouth, and but for excellent charitable missions, some of which have been generally supported, the distress, had it as been, would have been infinitely worse. It is a little better treatment than their employees, but the employers do not seem disposed to accede to their demand. Mr. John Burns, at a meeting of the strikers, said the extra penny would increase the dock expenses £200,000 a year, and he thought, as the companies had made an annual profit of £215,000, they could afford to bear this loss. The companies allege that if they increase the expenses the trade will go to other ports, but at the only ports that can rival London—Liverpool, Glasgow, Grimsby, and Hull—the dock laborers have indicated that they, too, will strike if there is any danger of the London men suffering. So far the strikers have conducted themselves well, and won the sympathy of many masses. The pulpits everywhere, it is observed, are declaring in their favor. They have without doubt been in their favor, and it is earnestly to be hoped that in a few days at least the strikers' demands will in some way be settled.

THE TWO SHORT LINES.

The Quebec Chronicle, in advocating a subsidy for the Edmundston-Moncton link of the Grand Trunk short line on Canadian territory, opposes the granting of a subsidy to the Harvey-Salisbury link of the C.P.R. short line. In this Chronicle adopts a very unwise and selfish course. Each line should stand on its merits. The object of the Edmundston-Moncton link is to connect the C.P.R. route with the shortest possible line for trade purposes between Montreal and Halifax. The Harvey-Salisbury link was included in that line. Through misrepresentation in parliament decided action not to build it. The Chronicle, in regard to distance will be submitted next session, and the saving to be effected by the construction of the link will be shown to be very material, sufficient at least to warrant parliament in authorizing the work to be built; and this we believe will be done. It is the shortest possible line that is required, must be done. The Grand Trunk route is no doubt the shortest possible line in that respect it has merit; we believe it is a necessary line, and should be built; but not, however, at the expense of other just as important routes. The Chronicle's object in opposing the Harvey-Salisbury grant is plain enough. It is particularly anxious for a railway bridge at Quebec and believes that if the Harvey link secures its subsidy the disposition of parliament will be not to present subsidy the Grand Trunk, while if established, would call for the building of the Quebec bridge. Its view is two sectional to be entertained.

MILAN AND QUEEN NATALIE.

King Milan has done his utmost to keep Queen Natalie from entering Serbia to see her son, the boy king, but Queen Natalie has said she will, and when an end was put. The Serbian Ministry have informed the abdicated and self-exiled monarch that if Queen Natalie makes up her mind to enter Serbia they cannot keep her out. Making a virtue of necessity, therefore, the King has consented to the wife's visit, and has arranged for her to see her son twice a year, for three weeks each time. Mr. Blich, the director of the Council of Regency, it is asserted, kept away from Belgrade during King

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THE SENSITIVE TURKEY.

The Reels Take Men Whose Food Was Taken from Them by the Turkey.

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