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THE STRIKE AT THE GREAT WESTERN COTTON WORKS.

A mass meeting of the operatives the Great Western Cotton Works, Barton Hill, present out on strike in consequence notice of a five per cent, reduction in their wages having been given, was held at Trooper's Hill, St. George's, last evening.

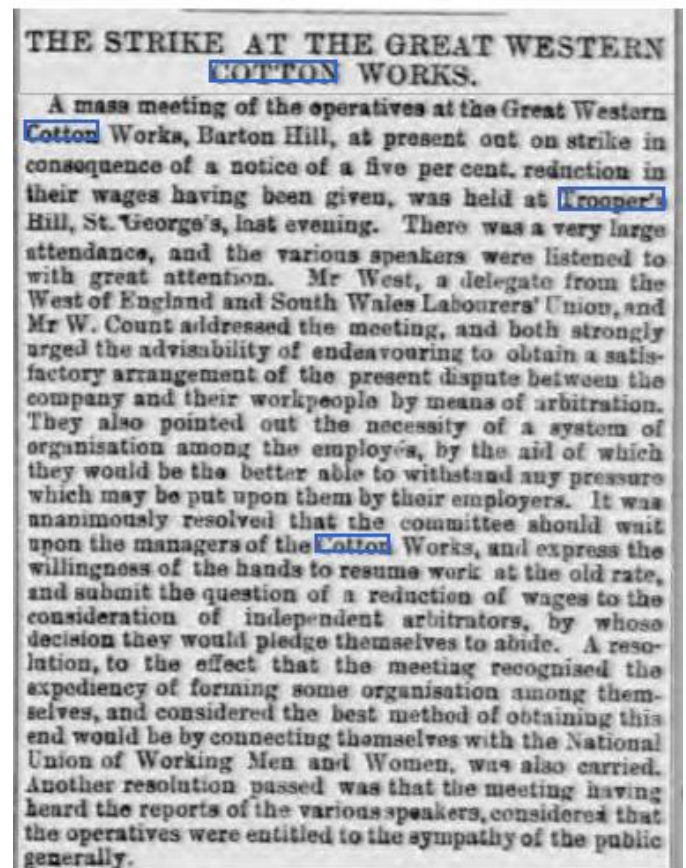
There was a very large attendance, and the various speakers were listened to with great attention. Mr West, a delegate from the West of England and South Wales Labourers' Union, and Mr W. Count addressed the meeting, and both strongly urged the advisability of endeavouring to obtain satisfactory arrangement of the present dispute between company and their workpeople by means of arbitration.

They also pointed out the necessity of system of organisation among the employe's, by the aid of which they would be the better able to withstand any pressure which may be put upon them by their employers.

It was unanimously resolved that the committee should wait upon the managers of the Cotton Works, and express the willingness of the hands to resume work at the old rate, and submit the question reduction of wages to the consideration of independent arbitrators, by whose decision would pledge themselves to abide.

A resolution, to the effect that the meeting recognised the expediency of forming some organisation among themselves, and considered the best method of obtaining this end would be by connecting themselves with the National Union of Working Men and Women, was also carried.

Another resolution passed that that the meeting having heard the reports of the various speakers, considered that the operatives were entitled to the sympathy of the public generally.



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