

IMPORTANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY AT MIRFIELD.—At the Mirfield Town Hall yesterday, Lieut.-Colonel Pousonby Cox, R. E., one of the inspectors of the Local Government Board, attended for the purpose of holding an inquiry respecting proposals at present under consideration by the Local Government Board to issue provisional orders to dissolve the Local Government districts of Mirfield and Ravensthorpe, and to form such places, together with the entire area of the township of Whitley Lower into one urban sanitary district, to be called the urban sanitary district of Mirfield; and also proposals to dissolve the Local Government districts of Mirfield and Ravensthorpe, and merge them in the rural sanitary districts of the Dewsbury union.—Mr. Wheelhouse, barrister, appeared for Mirfield; Mr. Cottingham, barrister, for Dewsbury; Mr. E. Tindal Atkinson, barrister, for Whitley Lower; and Mr. Charles Walker, solicitor, for Ravensthorpe. Evidence was given on behalf of Ravensthorpe, but it was decided that Dewsbury was not entitled to call any witnesses, and the Mirfield gentlemen did not bring any forward. With respect to Whitley Lower it was stated that there would be no objection to its being attached to Thornhill. There was a strong feeling expressed by Ravensthorpe against its being attached to Mirfield. The Inspector will report to the Local Government Board.