SECOND EDITION.

BRADFORD WOOL SALES.
Consignments for our Sale on *Monday, the 18th March, 1872*, may now be forwarded. G. & W. TOWNEND, Wool Brokers.

WANTED, a good Second-hand Single-fluted CYLINDER, about 28, diameter, 12 to 15 ft. long. Address J 99, Observer Office.

Observer Office, Thursday, 3 p.m.

BRISTOL WOOL FAIR.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

An average business has been done to day in fleeces and skin wools at firm rates. New wools have met with a very brisk demand, and higher prices have been paid. Very few fleeces were offered, and these sold well at late rates. Downs and Down fleece sorts not so brisk. Carding skin wool scarce. A good supply of combing skin, which sold at from 2s. to 2s. 2d. per lb.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAMS.]

COLLAPSE OF THE TICHBORNE CASE.

A correspondent says:—The claimant was supported by the oaths of eighty-five witnesses, comprising the baronet's mother, the family solicitor, one baronet, six magistrates, seven officers, sixty-two non-commissioned officers and privates, four clergymen, seven tenants, sixteen family servants, and twelve general witnesses. His claim was denied by the oaths of seventeen witnesses.

It was reported late last night that Lord Rivers had consented to be one of his bail if two others could be found for the amounts specified.

The claimant is sanguine he will be able to get bail. Sir Wm. Ferguson has certified that brandy is a stimulant necessary for the maintenance of the prisoner's health.

The *Times* believes the public will unanimously approve the determination of the Government to undertake the claimant's prosecution, which it hopes may be intended to all the associates, be they high or low, who have consciously and wilfully conspired to defraud an infant of his inheritance.

The *Post* does not apprehend the calamity of a new trial, and thinks the arch impostor is not the only culprit who should be placed in the criminal dock.

The *Standard* compares the claimant's case to a bubble, which, when fully blown, needed but a touch to ensure its destruction. That touch was furnished by the evidence of Mr. Radcliffe.

The *Telegraph* states that, at the meeting of the claimant's friends at the Waterloo Hotel, last night, the claimant, after a consultation with his legal advisers, said he could call twenty-five credible and respectable witnesses to rebut the tattoo evidence of the defence. Questions of conjecture and expense arose as to whether those witnesses should be called. If his advisers decided not to call witnesses to show that he had not been tattooed, he must submit to a nonsuit.

The *Daily News* says:—The claimant stated at the above interview that he must either accept a nonsuit, which he was determined never to do, or he must produce his rebutting evidence, which would cause more expense. It is added that his friends were exceedingly sanguine, and the claimant exhibited the greatest coolness when it was announced that the jury had stopped the case.

THE RATE OF DISCOUNT.

The Bank Directors have made no alteration in the official rate of discount.

TO-DAY'S MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON, Thursday.—The market closed dull, but prices generally steady. Sales 12,000 bales; speculation and export 4000.

CORK BUTTER, Thursday.—Ordinary: Firsts, 135s.; seconds, 122s.; thirds, 97s.; fourths, 62s.; fifths, 41s.; sixths, —s. Mild Cured: Firsts, —s.; seconds, 136s.; thirds, 117s. Number of firkins in the market, 270.

LONDON CATTLE, Thursday.—Not much activity was apparent in the cattle trade to-day. Fair supply of beasts, which sold quietly on former terms. Best Scots and crosses 5s. 2d. to 5s. 4d. per 8 lbs. Show of sheep in like pens small. Trade steady at full prices. Best Downs and half breds 7s. 2d. to 7s. 4d. per 8 lbs. Calves and pigs were quiet at late rates.

LONDON PRODUCE, Thursday.—Sugar: Raw descriptions quiet; refined steady. Coffee steadier. Tea steady. Rice quiet. Pepper dull. Dried fruit dull, especially muscatels. Cotton steady. Jute dull. Tallow 48s. 3d. spot, and 48s. 6d. March. Turpentine: American 36s. 6d. to 37s. Petroleum 1c. 5½d. spot.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, Noon.

Consols Money, 92½	
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New and Reduced, 91½ ¾ x d.	
Caledonian, 118½	
Great Eastern, 46½	
Great Northern, 136 ¾	
Great Western, 114½	
Lancashire and Yorkshire, 158 9	
London and Chatham, 26½	
London and Brighton, 77½ ¼	
London and South-Western, 135½	
London and South-Western, 118½ 9½	
Metropolitan, 0½ ¾	
Metropolitan District, 33½	
Midland, 142½	
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire, 73½ ¾	
North British, 61½ ¾	
North Eastern, 178½ ¾	
South Eastern, 97½ 8	
Italian, 67½ 8	
New Spanish, 31½ ¼	
Turkish Consolidés, 50½ ¼	
Egyptian, 1868, 95½	
Peruvian, 1865, 97½	
United States 5-20 Bonds, 92½ ¾	
Erie, 31½ ¾	
Illinois, 108½ ¾	
Great Western of Canada, 20½ ¾	
Grand Trunk, 20½ ¾	
Luxembourg, Great, 17½ ¾	
Lambecht's, 50½	
Anglo-American, 13½ 20	
British Indian, 10½ ¾	
India Rubber, 45½	
French Cables, 24½ ¾	
Telegraph Construction, 33½ ¾	
Imperial Ottom Bank Consolidated, 14½	

Moderate inquiry for money at about late rates. Consols unchanged. Foreign Bonds dull, especially Turkish and Italians. French Scrip about 7 prem.; Sizes, 100½ f. American Bonds generally dull. Erie, 30½ ¾. Rise steady. Atlantic Consolidated, 37 8. Railways quiet, at about last night's quotations. Colonials steady. Telegraphs quiet.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

MAIL AND SHIPPING NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, March 6.—The Allan steamship Capian arrived at half past ten this evening from Baltimore, via Halifax.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 7.—The New York, from New York, arrived here at eight this morning *en route* to Bremen. She brings specie value 10,400 dols. for London.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN BURTON.

The mortal remains of Mr. John Burton, the talented and highly esteemed gentleman, who for several years efficiently filled the posts first of organist and then conductor of the Bradford Festival Choral Society, were consigned to their last resting place in the Undercliffe Cemetery to-day. The chief mourners assembled at Woodroyd, Bowling, the residence of Mr. Benjamin Ingersoll, the father-in-law of the deceased, at eleven o'clock this forenoon, and from thence proceeded to Eastbrook Chapel, being joined at the bottom of Manchester Road by the members of the Bradford Festival Choral Society. The funeral cortège passed slowly into the chapel, while the Dead March in Saul was played upon the organ. A large number of people assembled at the gates and in the yard, and followed the procession into the chapel. The Rev. Robert Morton then ascended the pulpit, which was suitably draped in black cloth, and the service was opened by the singing of the hymn, "Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah," to music composed for it by Mr. Stewart Smith. Mr. Moorhouse presided at the organ, and the members of the Choral Society, amongst whom was the present conductor, Mr. Broughton, sat in the seats particularly adjoining the organ. The singing of the hymn was very impressive. After the hymn was concluded, the Rev. R. Morton read the 90th Psalm and the Lesson of the day; then the members of the Choral Society sang with fine effect the Chorus from Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*, "Happy and blest are they." The coffin was then borne from the chapel to the hearse, and the funeral procession was re-formed the members of the Festival Choral Society walked in front of the hearse, after which followed two mourning coaches, the first being occupied by the widow and brother of the deceased, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Murgatroyd. The service at the grave side was commenced by the singing of the chorale "To Thee, O Lord, I yield my spirit," from St. Paul, and previous to its conclusion Mr. Morton uttered the chorale, "To God on High." from the same oratorio, was sung. A great concourse of people assembled near the grave, and the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Morton, was very affecting. At the close of the service the members of the Choral Society, at the request of Mr. Jowett, paid a visit to the grave of the late Mr. Wm. Jackson, Mr. Burton's predecessor as conductor of the society.

BRADFORD MARKET, THIS DAY.

WOOL.—The cheerful feeling so observed in Bradford market appears to have been predicative of a more real improvement. The accounts from British Wool are regarded as an assurance that wool is not likely to decline in value, and the conviction is that all holders are a little firmer, and the apprehensions of the timid ones are dispersed. Under these circumstances we do not deem it cheap late to be bad day, buyers if they operate must pay full rates. This they are not willing to do to any important extent, but a fair commission business has been done, and a good many inquiries have been made which have not yet resulted in sales.

YARN.—A firm and cheerful tone is given to the yarn market by the reports from Bristol, and spinners are encouraged to hold out for very full rates. The accounts from abroad, too, have improved, and the foreign letters and telegrams are more productive of orders and offers. At the opening of the week therefore, we report a decided improvement. Merchants are inquiring freely, especially for two-folds, and some considerable offers have been made at prices, which a week ago would have been accepted, but which to-day have been declined. Some bons *fide* orders have been placed, and several speculative purchases made, but the inner attitude of spinners is keeping many buyers at bay. The same inquiry is going on for single yarns, especially for small supers and medium sorts of 30s. to 40s. buyers are still offering prices which are refused, and spinners are without change in either demand or value. In the home trade a fair business continues to be done, and throughout the market prices are going decidedly against buyers.

PIECES.—In the piece trade there is rather a quieter feeling, especially in plain goods, for which orders come to hand very sparingly. Manufacturers begin to complain that they cannot yet obtain prices which remunerate them for the rapid rise in warp and yarns. In fancies the public still manifests a pretty good business continues for both home and foreign market, although the trade to France is still dull. Merchants on the whole operate with great caution. Machinery keep well engaged, and there is a great amount of inquiry, and to the fact that many makers had bought their materials prior to the late rise, and can, therefore, produce without loss at current rates.

NORTH BIERLEY LIBERAL CLUB.

INAUGURAL DINNER.

The inaugural dinner of the North Bierley Liberal Club for the Wibsey District, Number 1, was held last night, at the house of Mr. Thomas Woodhead, the Queen Inn, Wibsey. At half-past seven o'clock an excellent and substantial repast was provided, to which upwards of seventy persons sat down. When the cloth had been removed, Mr. James Bottomley was called to the chair. Mr. Charles James Nicholl officiated as vice-chairman. There were also present Mr. Thomas Taylor (Low Moor), Mr. J. Warburton (Wibsey), the Rev. J. Jones, Miss Thomas (Bradford), Mr. James Wadsworth (Bradford), Mr. John Cure (Bowling), Mr. George Wright (Bowling), Mr. Thomas Woodhead (Secretary of the Club), Dr. Warburton, Mr. Henry Firth (Scholes), &c.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the toast of the "Queen and the Royal Family," said he thought they were all very proud of their Queen (hear, hear), and thought they were Liberals, but they were not so pronounced in Republicanism that they craved for its establishment in the place of the Royal family (hear, hear). All the Acts that had been passed by both Houses of Parliament since Her Majesty had been crowned Queen of England she had been quite ready to consent to, and they could have had anything better if they had a Republic (hear, hear). —The toast was then drunk with enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN next gave the toast of "The Army, Navy and Volunteers."—Mr. CHRISTOPHER WADSWORTH replied. He said he thought the Liberals were quite as loyal as their opponents (hear, hear), and had been a great deal more faithful. They were not such sycophants as to sit by the side of Her Majesty and tell her that kings would obey her bidding, and then shield themselves behind the Queen as Mr. Disraeli had done when he was last in power (hear, hear).

The CHAIRMAN said they were met to inaugurate the Wibsey Liberal Club, the establishment of which was the result of their recent defeat (hear, hear). No Liberal expected that defeat; they had been long wrested from their party, but having been defeated it was their duty to rally round, and make a more active and endeavouring to win back that which had belonged to them for a considerable time (hear, hear). It appeared by their all attending so promptly that night, that they had an interest in the matter and they were not at all desponding about their defeat; they knew that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they could regain their position. The chairman then proceeded to say that in his opinion the suffrage in counties and boroughs ought to be assimilated, and he did not think that they, in Wibsey (or anywhere else) had any thought more than the ratepayers in the adjoining borough (hear, hear, and laughter). He considered that the Ballot Act had tended to put the counties in a worse position than they were before. The ballot had enabled all small farmers who were rated at £12, while other householders who were not rated at that amount were disfranchised. He next referred to the education question, and said that Mr. Forster thought that his Act ought to have a better trial. It appeared to him that there was something wanting in the Church question, he had not as a Churchman he would like to see the Church separated from the State, the agitation had fairly begun, and he believed that it would become gradually stronger until their purpose was accomplished (hear, hear).

Mr. ELIAS THOMAS, in giving the toast of "The Liberal Members of both Houses of Parliament," said that the Liberal party had a history of which they might be proud. All the great reforms, all the commercial reforms, and all the ecclesiastical reforms had been effected by the Liberal party, and had changed completely for the better the face of the whole country (hear, hear). On the other hand, the Tories had always stood still, and obstructed the progress of useful legislation (hear, hear). As regarded the present, they had a great many members of whom they might be somewhat proud, and of none more than the gentleman at the head of the Government, Mr. W. E. Gladstone (hear, hear). He had his reports, which stated that the gain of the past year was £74 17s. 9½d.; total value of the Institution, in January 1st, 1872, £1464 19s. 1½d.; number of members, 219. The rest of the evening was spent in singing and dancing. The Saltaire Glee Party were engaged for the occasion, and sang a very choice selection of glees.

DRIGHLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD.—A meeting of this Board was held on Monday, at Lower Fagley, at which there were present Mr. W. C. Lawton (chairman), the Rev. V. F. Hammond, and Mr. Jonas Tomlinson, of the Bank Top, Heidingley.—The Clerk stated that he had written a letter to the Education Department, in pursuance of the resolution passed at the last meeting, explaining the position of the Board as regards making the necessary elementary school provision, in consequence of the Department refusing to sign the Endowed Schools Commission for placing the Drighlington Grammar School under the management and control of the School Board, as the future governing body thereof, not being complied; which letter, he said, had not yet elicited any reply from the Education Department. The letter pointed out that while accommodation for 930 children was wanted in the Drighlington district, the School Board had been unable to take any steps towards making the provision in consequence of the delay in publishing the proposed scheme of the Endowed School Commissioners, and it expressed the unwillingness of the Board to incur the expense of a separate School Board. The clerk said a copy of the letter had also been sent to the Secretary to the Endowed Schools Commission.—Mr. Greenwood Sutcliffe proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," and Mr. Samuel Pratter, in his report