

INQUIRY AT MIRFIELD.—County Councillors E. A. Mackie, T. B. Fox, and J. W. Smithies, on Thursday, held an inquiry at the offices of the Mirfield Local Board relative to an application made to divide the Local Government district of Mirfield into wards.—Mr. G. Topham, the deputy-clerk to the Local Board, said complaints had been made by ratepayers residing in the outlying districts that their interests were not sufficiently represented on the Local Board, and the board promised the present scheme, which would give equal representation, as nearly as possible, to every part of the district. It was also thought that the proposed division would facilitate voting at elections. It was proposed that the wards should be known by the names of Easthorpe, Hopton, Battyeferd, and Northorpe. There was no opposition, and Mr. Mackie promised to report to the County Council without delay.