



NORTH WILTS REVISION COURT

CRICKLADE AND SWINDON

Mr. Alexander Mortimer, the Revising Barrister, appointed to revise the list of voters for North Wilts, is holding open Courts this week, commencing at Cricklade on Monday, and at Swindon on Tuesday.

SWINDON

At the Town Hall, Swindon, last Tuesday, the list for the various Wards were gone through. Mr. A. E. Withy appeared for the Liberals, while the Tory party were not represented. Mr. E. C. Marsh, Assistant Overseer for the Parish, was in attendance.

Practically no interest was taken in proceedings by the general public, only one elector being present, besides the officials. The exception was an ownership claimant who had been objected to by the Liberals; he gave satisfactory information in reply to questions from the Revising Barrister, and Mr. Withy, as to his qualification, and the claim was allowed. The whole of the lists for the Swindon Wards were gone through.

Mr. Alex Mortimer continued his Court on Tuesday, when he sat at the Town Hall, Swindon, to revise the lists for the Parish and Borough of Swindon. No exciting incident took place and the only items of interest was given below. There were 16 ownership claims, just one half of which received the support of the Liberal Party and of these six were allowed. To one of the remainder the Liberals took objection but the claimant, who appeared, was successful in upholding his claim. Three objections to persons already on the ownership that were made by the Liberals, in two cases they were able to maintain their point, but in the third they withdrew the objection. Altogether there were 56 occupier claims. Of this number the Liberals made 42, and were successful in carrying no less than 30. Of the remaining 14 claims, eight were allowed. The lodger claimants numbered 17, of which eight were lodgers by the Liberals, and they were successful in seven instances. Of the remaining occupier objections, all made by the Liberals, 60 being in respect of Division one and three in respect of Division three. They were successful in no less than 50 cases of the remaining 13 eleven were disallowed and two withdrawn. The reason in nine cases out of the eleven why the objection was over ruled, was that the persons affected had made the necessary statutory declarations, amending their description in the voting list.

(The Revising Barrister alluded in highly complementary terms to the able and efficient manner at which the Swindon lists were prepared by the Assistant Overseer (Mr. E. C. Marsh) there being fewer corrections to make this year than hitherto: and at previous sittings the Barrister has always complimented Swindon on the efficient way in which the list had been prepared.

On Wednesday Mr. Mortimer sat again at the Town Hall to revise the lists of the parishes around Swindon. They were taken in the following order:-

BISHOPSTONE

There was nothing to report upon this Parish.

BLUNSDON ST. ANDREW

Here the Rector, the Rev. J. T. C. Chafto, claimed an ownership vote in respect of the tithe rent charge which was allowed him. Besides this, the Liberals made their ownership claims, both of which were allowed, as were two occupier claims made through the Overseers.

CHISLEDON

The Liberals made six ownership claims, and the Tories one, all being allowed. The Liberals were also successful with their three occupier claims. The overseers objected to two names on the ownership list, and their objection was upheld.

HANNINGTON

In this village the Conservatives objected to none name on the Occupiers list and the objection was allowed. Two occupier claims made through the Overseers were also allowed.

HIGHWORTH

Four claims for ownership vote-, all made through the Overseers were allowed. The Liberals objected to two ownership voters but in either case were they able to sustain their objection. The grounds upon which one of the objections was made, was that the voter was dead, but from the very indignant letter received by the Court it appeared that the voter was very much alive. The Tories claimed two lodger votes but they were unable to sustain either. This was the third year one of the claimants had sent in a claim, but each time without success. The objection by the Overseer to an occupation voter was allowed.

LYDINGTON

Nothing of interest transpired in connection with the lists of this parish.

LITTLE HINTON

The same thing applied to this parish also.

RODBOURNE

One claim for an occupation vote was put in by the Conservatives but it was opposed by the Liberal agent who adduced sufficient evidence to prevent its being allowed. One occupation objection was sustained by the Tories.

SOUTH MARSTON

There was nothing to report upon the lists of this parish.

STANTON FITZWARREN

The same remarks apply to this parish also.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET

One of the Liberal claimed an ownership vote through the Overseers, and the same was allowed. One occupation vote was claimed by the Liberals, and one by the Tories, both being successful.

WANBOROUGH

In this village one ownership claim, and one old lodger claim, both made through the Overseers were allowed.

WROUGHTON

One ownership claim, supported by the Liberals, was allowed, as were two occupiers claims made by the Liberals and one by the Tories.

Yesterday Mr. Mortimer sat at Wootton Bassett to revise the lists for that district.

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