



STRATTON Elections

The voting at this station was carried on with unusual vigour throughout the day, and from the display of colours the Liberal Candidate will receive a very large majority of the votes. Early in the day Mr. A. L. Goddard, the ex-M.P., for Cricklade, was passing by the polling station in his brougham, when a lad threw a stone and broke the windows. Upon this Mr Goddard stopped the carriage and got out and threatened the crowd, which began to hoot him, with a vengeance, and this led to a little horse-play, in which Mr Goddard got decidedly the worse of it, in a very short space of time the ex-M.P. presented a very muddy appearance. News of this littler affair was at once conveyed to Swindon, where it occasioned a great deal of bluster about sending for the police and summoning the military. We need hardly say, however, that neither the one nor the other was necessary. As soon, indeed, as Mr Goddard had taken his departure, the business of the day was resumed, and continued with order and good temper to the end. The reception of the Liberal Candidate was of a very different character. In addition to being received with the utmost enthusiasm the horses were taken from his carriage, and he was drawn in triumph through the village.

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