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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1878 West Peterboro' Election.

Before the West Peterboro' Elec tion Committee on Saturday, Mr. Bertram applied through his counsel ssion to enable him to for a commis give further evidence as to his quali fications. This was agreed to, and as Parliament is likely to be adjourn ed shortly, it is altogether probable the Committee will not meet again this session. Was there ever such a bare faced fraud? Did we ever see an equal injustice to any person? It is not merely keeping Mr. Bertram out of his rightful seat, but is giving that seat to one who has not a shadow of a claim to it. Could anything be clearer? Mr. Bertram was elected by a bona fide majority and the minority Candidate is returned ! Think of it O ye purists !

It is not necessary for us to narrate over again the circumstances which led to the base fraud, nor the mockery of justice by which it has thus far been upheld. We have only to add that being driven in self-defence to apply for a commission to hear evidence demanded by a biased Com

dence demanded by a biased Committee, necessitating an entire re-hearing of his case, Mr. Bertram is precluded the possibility of having his rights established at least during the present session. Every minute devoted to the hearing of the case heretofore is practically therwin away every cent wasted, and in the recess this Commission is to sit and prepare evidence for the Committee next session to adjudicate upon. And what makes the injustice more striking is the fact that the Commis sioner is not empowered to go into the whole case. He is not to inves-tigate charges of bribery, nor yet to gather together, the testimorp brought forward by both sides. He is only to take evidence on the quee-have we that some new point will not be immediately raised to hamper his further progress? The West Peterboro' case will be remembered are a striking ilection potitions by Par-itamentary Committees.

How. Ma. O'CONNOR'S RETIREMENT, —The Essex Record says the report of Mr. O'Connors retirement from political life has now come to be gen-erally credited, especially by that gentleman's prominent supporters; ind already attention has been given o the question of his successor, leveral local gentlemen have been of Mr. O'Connors retirement from political life has now come to be gengentleman's prominent supporters: and already attention has been given to the question of his successor. Several local gentlemen have been Several local gentlemen have been mentioned as probable candidates in the Ministerial interest, among them that of Stephen Knight, Esq. Of course as we are not in the fold we cannot be expected to know Min-isterial secrets, nor be able to for-shadow exactly what course will be pursued if M. O Counor's resignation turns out to be reality; but this is evident: the man among them most likely to succeed will be elected, in-re-pective altogether of other con-siderations? We really don't under-stand this. We, in our simplicity, thought Mr. O Comor was the grand panacea to head all Ministerial weak, nesses. Hat he accomplished it so soon, or has he failed? The POLARS EXPEDITION.—Nothing N EW AND

THE POLARIS EXPEDITION .- Nothing new respecting this ill-fated expedition has been made public, if we excep the proposal to send a vessel to Baf-

fin's Bay to search out the missing ship. It seems a runor of foul play has been raised, and in consequence Mr. Henry Grinnell, so long promia-ent in connection with the Arctic ex-plorations, expressed the opinion in an interview yesterday that Capt. Budd-ington and his men, having plenty of provisions, can live confortably on the Polaris, and will safely return by the middle of September. He thought Capt Hall likely died a natural death, as he was heavily built, with a short neck, and probably subject to apop-lexy. He did not er-fit the theory of his having been murdered. A Prente Darr.—Canada has a public fin's Bay to search out the missin



