

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. **The British Constitution** is the whole body of public law, customs, and decisions which define the powers of government. It is different from that of Canada in that it is not contained in one formal document.

2. **The British Government** consists of three branches :—

The **Sovereign** (hereditary).

The **House of Lords** (hereditary and appointed).

The **House of Commons** (elective).

3. **A Representative Government** is one elected by the people.

4. By **Responsible Government** we mean that the Ministry must have the support of a majority of the members of Parliament or resign office.

5. By **Party Government** we mean the practice of choosing all the members of the Cabinet from one political party. This originated in the reign of William III.

6. The **Ministerial Party** is the party in power.

7. The **Opposition** is the party in Parliament which is opposed to the Government. It watches and criticises each act, and aims to secure the reins of power.

8. The **Prime Minister, Premier, or Leader of the Government** is the person to whom the Sovereign has intrusted the management of the affairs of the nation.

9. The **Cabinet or Ministry** is the body of men who advise the Crown and otherwise carry on the government. Each Minister has charge of one branch or department of State.