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Adoption of the Local Government Act at Rawtenstall.

The inhabitants and ratepayers of Rawtenstall have recently adopted the Local Government Act, and have decided that the local board shall consist of 15 members. The first election has taken place duirng the past week. There were 31 persons nominated, and the followig have been declared to be duly elected:- Mr John Noble, draper, 1,100; Mr James Rushton, manufacturer, 1,096; Mr James Roberts, builder, 1,084; Mr John Bridge, 1,023; Mr P.H. Whitehead, manufacturer, 1.012; Mr Edmund Coupe, gentleman, 995; Mr Joshua Fielden, grocer, 905; Mr J.W. Whitehead, gentleman, 873; Mr R. H.Hardman, manufacturer, 836; Mr James Fenton, gorcer, 801; Mr Edmund Oddie, grocer, 792; Mr James Rawstron, 791; and Mr Charles Patrick, factory inspector, 773.1

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