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THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY - THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL SCENE

Political power in the country is heavily weighted towards the landowners - the Bucks lobby is very powerful.

The industrial towns are often without parliamentary representation.

The call for parliamentary reform received answer 1832. Speeches locally by Lord Russell.

Buckingham. Agriculturally based. Agricultural depression after the Napoleonic wars.

Many poor people. Vexation over poor rates. Poor laws passed 1834 Lord Chandos makes many speeches on the plight of the poor calling for parliamentary intervention.

History of Wolverton. Most of Wolverton lands are in the hands of the Radcliffe Trustees. The village was starved by enclosures. The greed of the local lords brought their downfall and the estates fell to Dr. Radcliffe. They went into trust when he died.