



Codford

RAM SALE PURCHASES

THE BULRIDGE RAM SALE

The annual sale and letting by auction of Mr James Rawlence's celebrated rams and ram lambs of the Improved Hampshire Down breed took place at Bulridge Farm, on Wednesday last, the auctioneers being Messrs Ewer and Winstanley, of Salisbury; and, notwithstanding the very wet morning Mr Rawlence's repeated successes at all our great agricultural exhibitions. And, even apart from this, the well-known excellence of his flock, brought together a large gathering of the principal flockmasters of this and other counties. Mr Rawlence, we may say, has this year not only been a leading prize taker at the meeting of the Bath and West of England Society at Southampton, and at the Berks and Hants Society's meeting at Reading, but also in the still larger field of competition offered by the Royal Agricultural Society's show just held at Manchester, where he obtained the first and second prizes for shearing ewes, a prize for old rams, and a prize for shearing rams. At Overton, too, he also carried off the first prize for old rams. The lot offered for competition on Wednesday consisted of 140 rams and ram lambs, and though the morning's rain had somewhat interfered with their appearance, they were pronounced by experienced judges to be one of the best lots ever offered.....

The company assembled on the ground about twelve o'clock, and after a preliminary inspection of the flock, they sat down to an excellent luncheon, which was well served up in a large marquee on the ground of Mr Motton, of the Pembroke Arms Hotel, Wilton. As on former occasions, Col. Heathcote presided, and the vice-chairs were taken by Mr W. B. Canning and Mr E. P. Squarey. Amongst the other gentlemen present were: - The Rev. D. Olivier, the rector, and the Rev. H. C. Powell, the curate of Wilton;.....Mr Herbert Smith (Baverstock), Mr Leicester, Mr Galpin, Mr Brake, Mr S. Maton (Harnham), Mr Lewis (Hereford), Mr Flower (Coombe), Mr Clarke (Snoddington), Mr T. Duckham (Baysham Court), Mr Parham (Deverill), Mr Keevil (Compton Chamberlayne), Mr Mayo (Burcombe, Wilton), &c., &c.

.....The principal buyers were Mr A. Morrison, Fonthill; Mr E. Waters, Stratford-cub-Castle, Salisbury;..... Mr Keevil, Compton Chamberlayne; Mr R. Melsome, Compton Pauncefoot, Somerset; Mr C. Notley, Codford; Mr H. Smith, Baverstock; Mr W. Flower, Netton; Mr Feaver; Mr William Mayo, Burcombe, Wilton. The sale realised 1510*l.* 19*s.*, being an average of 11*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* a head, and the result, therefore, may be regarded as highly satisfactory, not only to Mr Rawlence, but to the auctioneers, and doubtless also to the purchasers.

At the close of the sale, Mr Rawlence's 109 lambs, which took first prize at our recent Salisbury fair, were disposed of by private treaty to Meers W. and G. Marlow, of Salisbury.

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MR DIBBEN'S RAM SALE

On Tuesday afternoon Messrs Ewer and Winstanley offered for sale by auction, in the Market House yard, 83 ram lambs and rams, of the Improved Hampshire Down breed, the property of Mr E. Dibben, of Bishopstone, the quality of which was generally admitted to be far superior to any offered from the same well-known flock in previous years. There were 6 lots of rams to be let until the 1st September, and for one of them – lot 3 – there was a remarkable spirited bidding between Mr E. Rawlence and Mr Budd. From 20 guineas it ran rapidly up to 62 guineas, at which point the animal jumped over the hurdles, and knocked down two or three of the bystanders. Still the biddings went on, and eventually it was knocked down to the extraordinary price of 70 guineas to Mr Budd, of Hatchwarren, Hants. Altogether it was a most satisfactory sale. The buyers were – Mr Gray (Grimstead), Mr Barton (Hants), Mr Budd (Hatchwarren, Hants), Mr R. Coles (Middleton), Mr E. Olding, Mr C. Waters, Mr Blake (Chitterne), Mr J. Brown (Stockton), Mr J. Taunton, Mr E. Pinckney (Berwick), Mr John Fleetwood (Coombe), Mr Street (Wick, Downton), Mr Pern (Hants), Mr W. Taunton (Redlynch), Mr Gay (Blandford), Mr Davis (Littleton, Blandford), Mr Benjafield (Ebbesbourne), Mr J. Rogers (Alvediston), Mr Smith (Durrington), Mr C. Notley (Codford), Mr Keevil (Compton Chamberlayne), Mr John Phillips (near Mere), Mr H. Smith (Baverstock), Mr H. Swayne (Bishopstone), Mr Morrice (Rockbourne), Mr T. Compton (Fisherton Delamere), Mr W. Cottle (Bemerton), Mr Whitlock, Mr E. Mills (Orcheston), Mr G. Read (Charford). &c.

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