



### Salisbury Sheep Fair

This fair was held on Monday, when there were not so many sheep penned as usual, and things went off slowly, although the attendance of dealers was large, but most of them were disposed of before the end of the day. The judges were Mr. Fookes (Dorsetshire), Mr. Bailey (Appleshaw), and Mr. Melsome (Maddington), who made their awards as follows:

- 1 A piece of plate of the value of £5, by Viscount Folkstone, M.P., for the best Hampshire Down ram of any age; Mr W. Bennett, Chilmark.
- 2 A piece of plate of the value of £5, by G. R. Ryder, Esq. M.P. for the best pen of improved Hampshire Down ram lambs, in the proportion of 2 to every 100 ewes, kept and put to up the previous year, not less than four nor more than ten lambs to be exhibited from one flock; Mr J. Read, Homington.
- 3 A piece of plate of the value of £5, by Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., for the best pen of 80 wether lambs, bred by exhibitor, from any flock not exceeding 100 breeding ewes, or of 100 lambs from any flock exceeding that number; Mr Blake, Coomb Bissett.
- 4 A piece of plate of the value of £5, by Adam Kennard, Esq., for the best pen of 80 breeding ewes, good on tooth, and having been at least six months in the possession of the exhibitor, from any flock not exceeding 4000 breeding ewes, or 100 from an flock exceeding that number; Mr J Fleetwood, Coombe Bissett.

- 5 A piece of plate of the value of £5, by the members of the Corporation, for the best pen of 100 South or Hampshire Down wether sheep; Mr W. Marlow, Salisbury.
- 6 A piece of plate of the value of £5, the late Mr Alderman Smith's prize, to the largest penner, Mr Jeffrey, Donhead St Mary.
- 7 A piece of plate of the value of £3, by the members of the Corporation, to the largest penner of sheep, being a tenant farmer, who is not a dealer; Mr Elliot, Bowerchalke.
- 8 A piece of plate of the value of £5, the late Alderman Smith's prize, to the largest purchaser of sheep from the actual penners; Mr Stone, Stratford.

In the afternoon, the prizes were distributed at the Council Chamber, where a number of toasts were proposed and responded to. Mr Read, in responding to the toast of "The Successful Competitors," said that several of his farming friends had offered to give £1. 1s. each towards another prize in the class for rams, and he believed that enough had been offered to supply a ten-guinea cup. The Mayor said the suggestion was a good one, and if it was necessary, there were members of the Corporation who would make up the amount required.

**Western Gazette, Friday 19 July 1878**