



Knook

Important Sale of Stock at Coulston

On Tuesday last Mr. T. Lavington conducted, on behalf of Mr. George Nichols, the highly important sale of the whole of the dairy stock on the Coulston Farm in consequence of the farm being given up at Michaelmas next. In spite of the inclemency of the weather a large and representative company assembled to assist in and witness the dispersal of the well-bred herd, and amongst those present we noticed Messrs. T. N. Redman (Knook), T. Jefferies (Semington), J. Beaven (East Town), W. H. Carey (Steeple Ashton), H. Foley and J. Huntley (Trowbridge), J. Redman (Whaddon), G. Ferris (Milton), D. Butler (Patney) R. Butler (Poulshot), T. T. Baker (Worcester), A. Hiscocks (Shaftesbury), J. Keevil (Shaw), A. Coombs, E. Coleman, C. Bazell, J. S. Haines, Bezant, Mattick, Mullen, Pocock, Giles, Noad, Pickard, Staples, Wake, Yorke, &c. A capital luncheon was served in the barn previous to the commencement of the day's business, to which Mr. Nichols cordially invited all comers. Speeches were not intended to be the order of the day, but Mr. Foley said he felt himself unable to allow the occasion to pass without proposing one or two toasts. He then called on the company present to drink the health of the Vendor whose stock they had come to assist in the disposal of, speaking of him in the highest terms of praise and respect, and heartily wishing him a successful sale. The toast was received with enthusiasm and drunk with musical honours. Mr. Foley then proposed the health of the Auctioneer, who was presently to occupy the rostrum (Mr. T. Lavington), who was so well known to them all. This also was received with three hearty cheers, and after the two gentlemen whose health had been drunk had briefly responded, an adjournment was made to the sale ring. The entire arrangements of the day's business had been carried out by Mr. Geo. Nichols, and reflected great credit on that gentleman for their completeness. The first lots brought into the ring were the cows which had just calved, of which there were seven. These made £28 in two instances, £26 15s, £25 14s. 6d., and £25 5s. 64 cows in calf, some of which were rather late in calving and several served only this month, made £31 10s., £31 5s., £27 5s., £27, £26 10s., £26 5s., £25 5s., £25, £24 15s., £24 10s., £24 5s., £24, &c., down to £18 15s., the 64 making the grand average of £22 18s; 8 grazers made £18 5s., £18 £17 5s., £16 15s., and £15 15s. ; 21 two-years-old off heifers with which the bull had been turned in May made £27 5s., £26 10s., £25, £24 10s. (twice), £24 5s., £23 15s, £23, £22, £21 15s., £20 10s. (twice), &c., &c. average £22 9s. ; twenty weaned calves sold in pairs made £25 10s., £24 10s, £21 10s., £21. 5s., £21, £19, £16 10s., £16, &c.; an aged bull in stock condition £27 10s., and a red bull rising two years £28. This concluded the day's business, which was considered most satisfactory in every way, the whole of the herd disposed of numbering 124 head, making the high average of £20.

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