



Knook

WESTBURY HILL FAIR

At this fair, held on Tuesday last, the supply of sheep was small, and prices hardly so good as at Marlborough. Trade opened dull, but improved as the day wore on, and at the close most of the pens on offer had changed hands. The highest price we heard of for ewes was 68s., made by Mr. Hooper, of Imber; Mr. Melsome, of Norton Bavant, made 66s. for his best 100; and Mr. S. Jefferies, of Knook, 60s. The average ranged between 55s. and 66s. There were some remarkably fine pens of lambs, as the prices made will show. For 200 cross-breds, Mr. Blake, of Chitterne, made the high figure of 55s. a head. Messrs. Parry, of Heytesbury, sold 200 down lambs at 50s.; Mr. Rugg, of Sutton, at 47s. 6d. a head for 200; and as much as 52s. was made, but by whom we are unable to state. The average may be stated at from 48s. to 50s. A sale by auction took place by Messrs. Harding and Sons, of a lot of ram lambs and fat ewes belonging to Messrs. Parry, of Heytesbury, which fetched high prices; most of the primest of the ram lambs making 6 guineas each.

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This annual fair, which was formerly of far greater dimensions than now, was held on Tuesday, when the number of sheep penned was much below the average. There was a good attendance of dealers, but trade on the whole was dull and slow, especially for lambs, which made from 3s. to 4s. per head less than last year. There was a fair demand for ewes, which, however, made from 1s. to 2s. per head less than last year. Among some of the best sales effected we noticed the following:- Lord Justice Lopes, who made 30s. per head for 100 mixed lambs; Mr A. Jones (Upton Scudmore) made 55s. for 70 two-teeth ewes, and 35s. for 100 chilver lambs; Mr C. Burbidge (of Chitterne) 30s. for 50 cull lambs; Mr Popler (of Tinhead) 51s. for 100 ewes; Mr W. Pullin (Warminster) 51s. for 200 ewes and 40s. for 200 lambs; Mr E. Dean (of Imber) 55s. for 28 ewes and 52s. for 80 sound draft ewes; Mr I. Pocock (of Bratton) 35s. for 100 lambs; Mr A. Pocock (Bratton) 50s. for 70 ewes and 30s. for 90 lambs; Mr T. Redman (of Knook) 42s. for 100 lambs; Mr R. Dean (Imber) 51s. 6d. for 70 sound draft ewes and 54s. for 60 two-teeth ewes;.... - There was a small supply of cattle, with a slow trade, while the trade for horses was dull.

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