



Herd of Milking Shorthorn Cattle

### **SALE OF MR. LYNE'S SHORTHORNS AT BARTON**

"North Somerset," the able West of England agricultural writer, contributes an excellent report of the sale to the "Western Daily Press," from which we extract the following:-

"Today (Tuesday) I have been into Wiltshire to see how the milking shorthorn is evolved. With shorthorn, as with other pure breeds, pedigree does not come at once: it has to be evolved. Such a process has been carried on at Marlborough, that fine old picturesque town in Wiltshire, which has a world wide fame by reason of its school. Barton Farm comprises about 1000 acres of those fine, healthy Wiltshire pastures that go to build up the hardy constitutions so typical of Wiltshire cattle. A little known herd was Mr. Lyne's in the exhibition world, and therefore he was content to go on year after year using the best bulls, and yet failing to register the progeny. This accounts for the number of short pedigree cattle offered at the sale, and astute breeders came from afar, with the idea that they would obtain something good very cheap. But they found others in the field beside themselves, and the result was a most satisfactory sale. At noon Mr. John Thornton opened the sale with a description of the herd, which, he stated was originated by Mr. H. Lyne, of Brimslade, upwards of 70 years ago. Locally prizes for pairs of dairy cows and heifers have been won for many years at the Wiltshire, Chippenham, Marlborough, Hungerford and Devizes Shows.

At Gloucestershire Show, at Tewkesbury, this year, two firsts, one second, and one third prize was awarded."

Among the purchasers were Lord Rothschild who purchased a cow at 70gs and her calf at 30gs., Sir Oswald Mosely at 50gs. and 38gs., Mr. Balch at 51gs., Sir A. Coutts at 40gs., the Earl of Carnarvon at 35gs., Colonel Turner at 40gs., etc.

A number of young bulls from Mr. J. Stratton, Wick Down also sold at good prices. The averages came out exceedingly well. The 96 cows made a total of £2,550 9s., or an average of £26.11s. 4d. The bulls totaled £401. 12s. 6d, or an average of £25. 2s. The grand total of the sale was £2,952 1s. 6d, or a general average of £26 7s. 2d., and this, it must be remembered, was obtained not solely by means of pedigree: it showed also, that the modern demand is for a milking shorthorn, be it pedigree or non-pedigree.

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