



Salisbury, Semley and Gillingham Dairy  
(formerly Wilts & Hants Dairy Co. Ltd) and employees,  
with donkey and cart carrying milk churns in foreground,  
West Dean, Wiltshire, c. 1895 (Courtesy of WSHC)

### **The Salisbury, Semley & Gillingham Dairies, Limited (S. J. Taunton & Co.)**

The Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from S. J. Taunton the well-known and established business of Wholesale Milk Contractors, carried on by him in partnership with the late Mr. Charles Hargreaves, in the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Hants, Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset, together with the freehold and leasehold houses and land, receiving depots, butter and cheese factories, and their enormous plant and machinery, as certified by Messrs. Waters & Rawlence, of Salisbury, together with the goodwill of the business. The concern is probably the largest of its kind in England. During the last ten years its trade has increased from 730,000 gallons per annum to 3,533,052 gallons in 1889, with every prospect of further increase. As the vendors state, the present milk supply of London alone is estimated at more than 75,000,000 gallons annually, and of the annual value of over £5,000,000 sterling, while the increasing taste for non-intoxicating drinks is tending to make demand for this article stronger than ever. The capital is £80,000, and the particulars concerning it and the property are fully set out in the advertised prospectus, which appears in another column. The trustees for the debenture stockholders are the Earl of Pembroke and the Earl of Radnor, and the directors are all well-known gentlemen of influence. The bankers are the Wilts & Dorset Banking Co., and the solicitors Messrs. Fulton & Pyesmith, Salisbury. We are in receipt of direct information that a very large amount of capital required has been subscribed. It is very desirable that intending investors should post their applications not later than Saturday next, June 7th.

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