



Salisbury and Western Counties

Cattle and Poultry Show



The third annual Exhibition was held on Monday last in the commodious building used for the Monthly Cheese Market, to which was added a temporary booth for the reception of poultry, of which upwards of a hundred coops were contributed. The weather was fortunately fine – the season of the year considered – and the number of visitors was greatly in excess of that of any previous occasion. The quantity of animals exhibited was not perhaps larger than on the previous occasion, but the quality was universally allowed to be first rate. Mr Whitaker Bush's Devon steer was an object of great attraction, and the fat ox shewn by Mr James Futcher, of Fovant, was also critically examined and generally admired. Mr Richard Stratton exhibited a noble bull, and Mr F. King of Nursling's fat cow appeared to realize the description of a model animal given in the old doggerel:-

She's wide in her hips, and calm in her eyes;

She's fine in her shoulders, and thin in her thighs;

She's light in her neck, and small in her tail;

She's wide in her breast, and good at the pail;

She's fine in her bone, and silky of skin;

She's a grazier's without, and a butcher's within.

Mr Edward Waters' bull, cow and offspring, the fat ox shown by Mr Ford of Rushton, and the stock heifers of Mr R. Stratton also attracted considerable attention. Of sheep there were of course some admirable specimens, the pens shown by Mr A. Baden, Mr W. Taunton, and Mr R. Dear, of Durnford, deserving especial commendation. Mr John Moore of Littlecot, Mr E. Olding, and Mr Spearing also maintained their former reputation. Mr R. Dear's fat ewes have been since purchased by Messrs Lanham and Harris of Southampton. There were some enormous pigs, round as barrels, with invisible legs, eyes buried in fat, and snouts which appeared to be merely insignificant appendages to their distended cheeks, Those shown by Mr Smith of Baverstock were immense animals and have since found their way into the shop of Mr Tugwell, in Catherine Street. The prize for the best boar was obtained by Mr R. Waters, of Boscombe, and that for the best breeding sow, by Mr F. King, of Nursling. Altogether the show gave unmistakable signs of healthy progress, and if, on a future occasion, the Committee should determine on having four classes for fat oxen – one for Devons, another for Herefords, a third for Shorthorns, and a fourth for other classes general, we think the show in this department will be still further improved. All the arrangements were

excellent, and we are sure the character and importance of the present show must have been highly gratifying to Messrs. T. Pain and Ewer, who have labored with so much zeal and assiduity in its behalf.

The prizes were awarded as under:-

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Class L – Fat pigs under 26 weeks old – For the best pen of three, bred and fed by the exhibitor (a member), a piece plate given by the Society, value 3*l.*, Mr H. Smith, Baverstock.

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THE POULTRY SHOW

Appeared to be still more popular than the other department of the Exhibition and was crowded throughout the day, a number of ladies testifying their presence, the interest they felt in this collection of domestic poultry. The avenues between the coops were so thronged that it was difficult to make a critical examination of the various specimens exhibited, and, therefore, in mentioning a few, we are by no means sure that we have not overlooked other equally deserving of notice.

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