



Agricultural Association

On Tuesday the Marquis of Ailesbury presided at the dinner in connection with the annual show of the Marlborough and Pewsey Vale Agricultural Association, held at Marlborough. Replying to the toast of "The House of Lords," he congratulated the agricultural interest on the complete evaporation of the malt tax. He believed its abolition would prove a certain boon. He looked upon the Hares and Rabbits Bill as an unnecessary interference with freedom of contract. He had been one of the first landlords in the country to give his tenants the ground game. He had found that, when shot by the tenants, ground game was of little consequence, but when shot by the landlord it was a serious nuisance. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., and Messrs. George Estcourt, M.P., and Walter Long, M.P., also spoke.

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