

GREAT STOCK SALES AT WOLD NEWTON, NEAR GRIMSBY, AND LOUTH.

On Thursday, the 17th instant, Messrs. Mason, Sons, and Kidd offered for sale by auction the whole of the live and dead farming stock, the property of Mr. F. Walwyn Iles, who is removing to Great Limber Grange. There was a very large and influential company present, most of the leading agricultural counties, as well as the colonies, were represented. The sale was prefaced by an excellent luncheon, provided by the vendor, the wines and spirits being supplied by Mr. Nimrod Long, of the King's Head, Louth. Mr. Charles Mason sold the dead stock and the agricultural machinery, which were of excellent quality, the latter being of modern construction; after which Mr. W. L. Mason, the senior member of the firm, commenced the sale of the sheep. The catalogue contained 1,054 sheep, 56 beasts, and 14 horses. The sheep were all of the long-woolled Lincolnshire breed, and the flock has been bred on the farm by Mr. Iles and his predecessors, and has long enjoyed a world-wide reputation. The fleeces for a number of years have been remarkable for their great weight and high commercial value; the ewes being especially large, well framed, and equally well clothed animals, and the latter of the most excellent quality of wool, much sought after by careful and judicious flockmasters and woolstaplers. The tod bill of 1878 included and comprised 127 threes, 211 twos, and two ones. The lambs were much admired, and elicited a smart competition amongst men whose knowledge of a good flock, and the way to increase its value, are paramount features of their agricultural creed. The stud sheep are animals that have cost a little fortune to procure at the great auction sales of the county. Mr. Iles has purchased the best animals, irrespective of high prices, from the flocks of Messrs. Dudding, Mr. Thomas Kirkham, and Mr. John Walesby Kirkham. Mr. Iles has culled the finest flowers, full of symmetry and constitution, with a redundancy of long lustrous, curly wool, having a cosmopolitan value, and appreciated in all English speaking countries. The rams were first offered, and made the following prices:—

Lot 1, £7, Reuben Roberts, Horncastle; 2, £5 10s, Mr Addison, Riby; 3, £7 10s, Mr Wood, Habrough; 4, £15 (a Panton sheep), Mr Sharp, Baumber; 5, £11, Mr T. C. Dixon, Brandesburton, Beverley; 6, £6, ditto, ditto; 7, £20 (a Biscathorpe Warrior breed), Mr John W. Kirkham; 8, £18 (a Cadeby), Mr John Turner, Ulceby Grange; 9, £5, Mr Williams; 10, £7 10s (a Iles), Mr Reid, New Zealand; 11, £5 10s, Mr Dixon, Brandesburton; 12, £4 10s, Mr William Wood, Habrough; 13, £8, Mr Reid, New Zealand; 14, £12 10s (Kirkham and Dudding), Mr Sharpe, Baumber; 15, £5 10s, Mr Coates, Laceby; 16, £19 (Panton), Mr Henry Dudding; 17, £6 10s, Mr T. C. Dixon; 18, £6, Mr William Wood; 19, £6, Mr Reid; 20, £10, ditto. Ninety-six ram hogs, in pairs, were offered. Nos. 1 and 2 were sold for £8 10s each hog to Mr Reid; 3 and 4, Mr Pachett, North Thoresby, £6 each; 5 and 6, Mr Reid, £9 10s each, and 7 and 8 ditto £7 10s each, and 19 and 20 for £9 each; these were of the Panton blood; 39 and 40, £6 each, Mr Reid. Mr James Webb, Melton Ross; Mr Wm. Tombleson, Barton; Mr Skipworth, South Kelsey Hall; Mr T. Neave, Bleasby; Mr Walmsley, Mr T. Coates, Raven-dale; Mr Frankish, Limber; and Mr Robert Martin, of Gayton-le-Wold, were also extensive purchasers. The ewes and pairs made from £4 17s 6d to £5 10s. Mr Burkinshaw, Mr Reuben Roberts, Mr M. E. Davy, and Mr Coates were the purchasers. Ewes and single lambs, £5 7s 6d, Mr John Torr, M.P. for Liverpool, Aylesbury Manor; £4 12s 6d and £5, Mr John W. Kirkham; £4 17s 6d, Major Robertson; £4 15s, ditto, ditto; £4 2s 6d, Mr Wm. Tombleson, Barton Grange; Mr J. G. Quick-fall, Mr Burkinshaw, Mr Walmsley, Rudston, near Brid-lington, Mr T. Coates, and Mr Sharpley were the remain-ing purchasers. She hogs, £7, Mr Turner, Ulceby Grange; £5, Mr Torr; Mr Frankish, £6 5s; £4, Mr John Turner. The he hogs made similarly high figures. The shorthorn beasts, which were of excellent quality, were then offered and sold well, as did the horses.