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DISPERSION OF THE LATE MR. ROBERT PAGE'S OLD ESTABLISHED AND EXTENSIVE FLOCK OF ONE THOUSAND AND PUREBRED SOUTH-DOWN SHEEP.

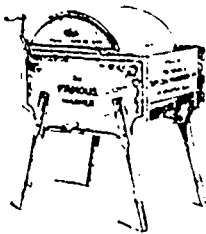
John Thornton & Co. will sell by auction, one o'clock, on Thursday, August 10th (the day after the sale of the late Mr. J. J. Colman's flock), at Tillingham Hall, three miles from Southminster, on the Essex coast, England, the entire and very extensive flock, No. 32 in the Flock Book of the Southdown Sheep Society, comprising upwards of one thousand ewes and lambs, and a few rams, bred by the late Robert Page, Esq., at Down Hall, Bradwell on Sea.

This fine flock was established about 1854, on adjoining farms of 2,000 acres, with sheep selected from eminent breeders in the Southern Counties, and since 1874 no ewes have been purchased. Rams were originally selected from Mr. Jonas Webb, of Babraham, Mr. William Rigden, of Hove, Sussex, and Lord Walsingham, of Merton, Norfolk; later, from Mr. Henry Webb, of Streetly, Mr. Hugh Goringe, of Kingston, Sussex, and the Duke of Richmond, at Goodwood. The ewes now are mostly by the Duke of Richmond's Goodwood rams, as well as by rams from Sir N. W. G. Throckmorton, Bart., Buckland; Sir T. B. Lennard, Bart.; Mr. Herbert Padwick, and the Pagham Harbor Company.

In 1897-98 five rams were selected from the late Mr. J. J. Colman's celebrated flock, which being bred pure to the Throckmorton, Rigden, and Webb strains, have blended well with the blood formerly used, and left a remarkably fine lot of yearlings and lambs. The flock has never been exhibited, but kept for practical farm purposes, and been much in demand in the local markets. The wool was especially studied by the late Mr. Page, and the farms being very suitable for rearing sheep in a hardy manner on the sea coast, lameness is unknown, and the flock has been carefully drafted each year. The sheep are of good medium size, with a fine quality of wool and excellent mutton, and are consequently well worthy the attention of flockmasters requiring pure, fresh blood, or for laying the foundation of good, healthy flocks.

Catalogues may be had of Mr. Sewell, Tillingham Hall, Southminster, who will show the flock by appointment, or of John Thornton & Co., 7 Princes street, Hanover Square, London, W., who will execute commissions, and attend to the shipment and insurance of stock purchased for abroad. Telegraphic address: "Short-horn, London."

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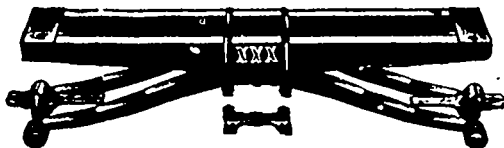
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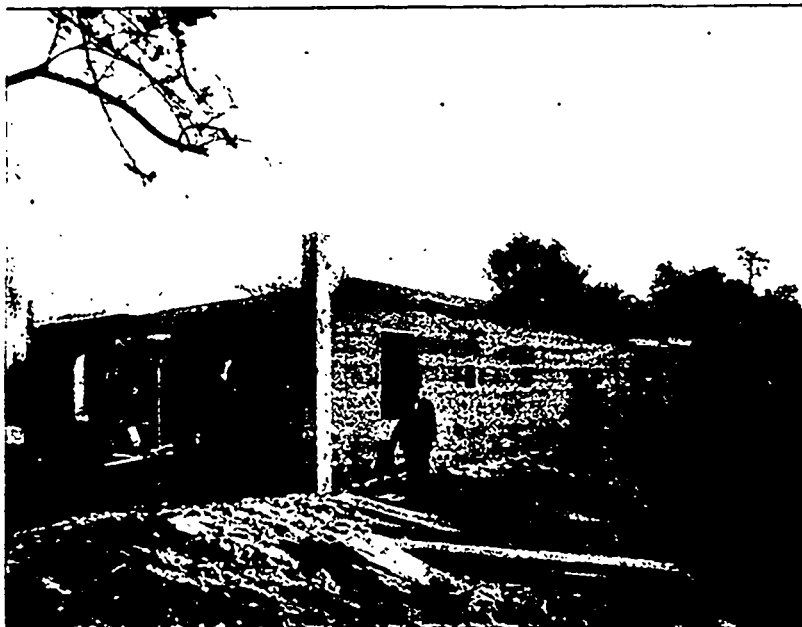
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