



OLD DRINKING MUG

average price of over \$2.045 each, three of them making over \$3,500 each. At Aberdeen, too, on the following day a heifer calf made \$2,500, this figure being paid by an English buyer, although there were a number of foreign purchasers after her.

Mr. J. Tudge's was a notable sale of Hereford's, two bulls making \$1,000 each, one being bought for New Zealand and the other to go to Uruguay. It is a long time since Hereford's were in such demand as this.

Pigs have been selling remarkably well. At Mr. G. T. Inman's sale \$410 was paid for a Berkshire boar, while one of Lord Carnarvon's of the same breed was bid up to \$130.

AN OLD DRINKING MUG.

The photographs of an old fashioned drinking mug reproduced on this page illustrate an article that was at one time quite common in our country inns and houses of refreshments. In these days of gin palaces and flashy public houses they are fast disappearing, and it is only occasionally that one comes across a good specimen, and then it is usually preserved as an heirloom. The specimen portrayed, as will be seen from the picture, is broken, but it illustrates in a striking manner the various farm implements that were in use 80 years ago; while the verse or doggerel depicted on the other side, or at least portions of it, was a favorite toast among yeoman farmers.

ITEMS.

Wool continues to sell well, and there has been a good clip, prices are a little down on a year ago, about 1c. per lb.



OLD DRINKING MUG (OTHER SIDE)

Potatoes are a small crop, generally about half the usual quantity. Disease has not been much in evidence this year.

The Royal Show at Lincoln last June resulted in a net profit of £5,006 (\$25,250). A very gratifying result.

Prospects for the next show at Newcastle are equally promising, in fact the next show season is likely to be a record one.

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The season of 1907 will be memorable as one of the wettest ever known here. The rain fall was especially heavy during the months of July, August, September, and October. The summer was cool, which delayed the maturing of the crops, and resulted in an exceedingly late harvest,—the latest in a quarter of a century. A very large proportion of the oats was harvested in October, and it was very difficult to get it in in good condition. Much of it heated in the mows and had to be threshed out to save it.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the harvest, grain was an excellent crop, very strong in the straw and well filled, and in threshing out satisfactorily. The potato crop was about an average one, but there is complaint of rotting, especially among the earlier varieties. The root crop was not quite up to the average. Many turnip fields were very much thinned out by a little white maggot that kept destroying them till late in the season.

Grass has been excellent all through the later months of summer and fall, and cattle have gone into winter quarters in fine condition. The dairy season here has been the most successful in recent years. The price of cheese will not average quite as high as last year, but the producers will get more money per cow on account of the milk flow keeping up so well till the season's close. The output of cheese here was considerably larger than for the last four or five years, and 3000 boxes more than 1905.

After two years of such good prices dairymen are quite hopeful again, and are paying more attention to their stock. There are many more good milking herds here than ever there were, and milk producers are beginning to see, what they should have seen long ago, that the dairy cow if well fed and cared for is perhaps the best money maker on the farm. We have one "Cow Testing Association" on the Island that is giving dairymen object lessons in profitable dairying.

Winter butter-making is being carried on more extensively now than in recent years. Many of the cheese companies are operating butter plants in their factories this winter. The separating as well as the churning being done at the factory. The very high price of butter is inducing many to patronize the factory, and feed grain to their milking stock to keep up the

milk flow. It takes some courage, however, for the average patron to do this with oats at 52c. a bushel. But the skillful feeder with good producing cows will come out all right so long as butter keeps up to 28c. per pound, and his skim milk is used to produce 8c. bacon.

Hogs are scarce here on the market, the rush not being on yet. The late harvest prevented farmers from fattening their hogs as early as usual. The price of best bacon dressed hogs has been till lately about 8½c., but is off just now to about 7½c. per lb. Lambs are being marketed freely. They sell at from 5 to 5½ cents for lambs over 70 pounds in weight. They find a ready market in Boston, American buyers competing keenly for them. Many farmers who went out of the sheep business a few years ago are starting flocks again. It certainly looks as if the sheep business with lambs at the above prices, is the best paying line for our farmers to follow.

With good crops and good prices this has certainly been a most prosperous year for farmers, and should do a lot towards making them contented and happy at home, and help to kill the Western fever that has been doing much to depopulate this rich and beautiful province. W. S.

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