

The Flock.

SALE OF THE LITTLECOTT HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.

The dispersal of Mr. F. R. Moore's famous Hampshire Down flock took place at Littlecott on Saturday week. The numerous arrivals from all parts of the country testified to the keen interest that was taken in the sale. Mr. Moore's success as a breeder was the subject of general remark, both at the luncheon, over which Mr. Joseph Carpenter presided, and at the sale-ring, where Mr. Lawrence conducted the auction. The sheep were brought to the hammer in working condition, but their excellence was unquestionable. They came into the ring full of all those perfect qualities of the Hampshire Down type which have made them famous, and the result was a spirited competition, which, considering the present prices and the late period of the year must be considered satisfactory from a business point of view, though in no way representing the high values which Mr. Moore's sheep deserved to attain. There were instances in which the biddings seemed to partake of something of the encouragement which the breeder of so fine a lot of sheep should receive and possibly those who became the possessors of some of the best specimens will always be gratified at having had this opportunity of introducing the Littlecott blood into their flocks. The sale commenced with fourteen ram lambs and rams, which had either been in service in the home flock this season or let at the annual hiring, Mr. W. Newton securing lot 4 at 23 gs. (this being the lamb which let at Britford for 51 gs.); Mr. J. K. Read, lot 8 at 20 gs., and the noted old sheep Sainfoin at 10 gs., the remainder making from 5 gs. to 9½ gs. Of 193 two-tooth ewes which followed, Mr. Dibben bought No. 7 pen at 170s. per head; Mr. Hole, for Lord Rothschild, at 80s., 74s., and 70s.; Mr. Postmouth at 84s; Mr. Fitcher at 62s; Mr. W. E. Pain at 61s and 53s.; other pens selling at 51s., 50s., 47s., 46s., 45s., &c., the average being 55s. 6d. 170 fourtooth ewes averaged 63s., Mes-rs. C. and T. Coles buying at 180s.; Mr. C. Waters at 130s.; Mr. Hole at 120s.; Mr. J. K. Read at 86s., 78s., 55s., 52s., and 51s., Mr. W. C. Young at 76s.; Professor Wrightson at 68s.; Mr. Cox, for Mr. Dalgey, at 61s., others making 55s., 54s., 52s., 50s., &c. 179 six-teeth ewes averaged 53s., Mr. H. Lambert buying at 200s.; Mr. Hole at 120s.; Mr. Wrightson at 110s.; Mr. J. Flower at 70s.; Mr. Jones at 78s.; Mr. W. C. Young at 68s.; others making 55s., 53s., 52s., &c. Forty full-mouthed ewes averaged 67s. 3d., Mr. Lambert buying at 100s., Mr. W. C. Young at 88s., and Mr. J. K. Read at 72s. and 62s. 230 ewo lambs averaged 40s.

INDIGESTION IN LAMBS.

HENRY STEWART.

One of the most frequent disorders of the domestic animals, and it may be truthfully add of their owners as well, is indigestion. But while this disease is a typical one as regards its peculiar symptoms and development, yet it is due to so many causes as often to mislead the observer, and even the expert, by reason of its reflex action on the nervous system. Thus the symptoms differ so much,

and commonly appear to be due to other and unsuspected causes. Indigestion leads to malnutrition, as well as to special disorders of the stomach and bowels, and the immediate result of malnutrition is disturbance of the nervous functions. Thus we have cases of paralysis, partial or general, as in the paraplegia of pigs, lambs and sheep, in which the hind limbs are suddenly paralyzed and the animal crawls on its side or belly by means of its forelegs only, or the fore part of the body may be affected and the animal go about on their knees, or stagger and fall, unable to rise for some time, when they stand a few minutes and go down again. Necessarily, this disease is fatal, as motion is prevented, and the food being undigested, it is only a question of time when the patient dies of starvation, and yet the real cause is not suspected. Young lambs, when become suddenly weak, go off their food, pine away, are affected by obstinate diarrhoea, or prolonged costiveness, cough and breathe with evident distress (the result of the disorder on the pneumo-gastric nerve) and become emaciated. It is true that sometimes these same symptoms are caused by the presence of knots of thread worms in the lungs, and the obstacle to perfect respiration having a similar result on the system as defective nutrition, the same condition of the animals, will prevail, or the worms may gather in the stomach and have precisely the same effect as the indigestion produced otherwise. And these worms may even cause such a depraved appetite as to induce animals to swallow earth, chew wood, or to cause lambs and sheep to swallow wool, all or any one of these gathering as balls or wads in the stomach or intestines, and giving rise to the most acute symptoms of indigestion, with its nervous reactions. Thus lambs at this season may be troubled by worms, the common filaria especially, which is supposed to be the cause of anaemia or paper skin, and is very often so, but at times is apt to be only a proximate cause of this condition, as leading the lambs, or even old sheep, to pull and swallow wool. This forms what are known as wool balls in sheep, or hair balls in calves, or sanding in horses, males and cattle.

The only remedy is prevention. Sometimes the lambs or calves may gather wool or hair from the udders of their dams, and at the season of the shedding of the hair this often happens. The effect of this accidental disturbing agent in the stomach is to produce an unnatural desire for more

of this foreign matter, and then the lambs or sheep begin to pull wool and swallow it, and when this collects in the stomach or large intestines the troubles described supervene. When there is this danger, and there always is, the udders should be closely clipped; vermin, as lice or lice or fleas or or ticks should be got rid of, so that the animals will not collect wool or hair by licking or biting themselves; and on the first appearance of this the best substance to remove the foreign irritative matter is oil raw linseed, or olive, or castor, in doses of half an ounce for a young lamb, given in milk and shaken into an emulsion.

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