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NEW TOWN FARM:

REPORT FOR 1888.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



NEW TOWN FARM.

31st January, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the annual Report and Account Current of the New Town Farm for the year 1888.

The gross receipts for the year amounted to £925 7s. 1d.; the expenditure for that period was £710 16s. 3d., leaving a balance in favour of the Farm of £214 10s. 10d.

During the year the Government decided to reduce the price of the milk supplied to the various Institutions from 4d. per quart to 3d. per quart from the 1st of September, 1888. The quantity of milk supplied during that four months was 17,111 quarts, which, at 1d. per quart, would have realised £71 5s. 10d. more than is shown in these returns. In addition to this reduction it was also decided to make a nominal charge for the labour performed by the thirteen invalid men who assist on the Farm, at the rate of 6d. per day each man from the 1st October last, thus debiting the Farm with the further charge of £29 18s.

The loss in consequence of the reduction on the cost of milk and the charge for invalid labour together amounted to £101 3s. 10d., which, if added to the balance in favour of the Farm, would increase it to the amount of £315 14s. 8d.

It may be noticed that a larger charge than usual has been made for repairs to the Farm buildings; this was necessary in order to prevent the fences and buildings from falling into dilapidation. The Farm-house was re-shingled and the fences generally repaired, and they are now in a good state of repair.

The 100 acres which comprise the Farm were cropped as follows:—25 acres of hay, 5 acres of wheat, 5 acres of green food, 5 acres of barley, and 6 acres mangel wurzel now in crop, estimated to yield 150 tons, the remainder being under grass and fallow. The hay, estimated at about 50 tons, was stacked in very good order. The wheat was an excellent crop, and has been estimated at about 40 bushels to the acre.

The live stock on the 31st December, 1888, was as follows:—5 horses, 1 bull, 31 cows, 39 pigs. During the year five new cows were purchased, and are of excellent quality.

The breeding of the pigs continues to have every attention, the sales for the year amounting to £100 14s. 3d. I estimate the value of the stock and crop on the 31st December, 1888, at £750.

The demand for milk throughout the year was very heavy, and every exertion was made to keep up as large a supply as possible, and was attended with success.

The work of the farm was performed satisfactorily throughout the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN HARDING, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, &c.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of the New Town Farm for the Year 1888.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Cash Receipts.</i>							<i>Salaries.</i>						
By sale of 73 pigs.....	100	14	3				Superintendent	200	0	0			
Ditto 3 cows	23	4	9				Ploughman	91	10	0			
Ditto 10 calves	6	7	6				Ditto	78	0	0			
Ditto 9 heifers	15	3	6				Money allowance to Invalids from Institution	21	12	0			
				145	10	0					391	2	0
<i>Milk sold to Officers at Govern- ment Institutions—</i>							<i>Miscellaneous Farm Expenses—</i>						
General Hospital, 2834½ pints, at 2d.	23	12	5				Insurance on hay, £6; 1¼ tons salt, £3 3s. 4d.	9	3	4			
New Town Charitable Insti- tution, 2110 pints, at 2d.	17	11	8				Ironmongery, brushware, £6 6s. 8d.; 1 chaff-cutter, £10	16	6	8			
H.M. Gaol, 5145½ pints, at 2d.	42	17	7				Repairs to harness, £5 17s. 6d.; blacksmith's work, £21 18s. 5d.	27	15	11			
				84	1	8	Extra pay for night labour, £10; Freight of pig from Melbourne, 7s. 6d.	10	7	6			
One ton hay supplied for Vacci- nation purposes	4	0	0				Straw, £6 3s. 6d.; half ton of bone dust, £3 3s.	9	6	6			
Loss on sale of calves purchased for Vaccination	2	18	0				1 ton Fyson's Fertilizer	9	0	0			
				6	18	0	1300 bushels bran	52	3	4			
<i>Milk supplied to Establishments—</i>							<i>Cost of tobacco allowed to Invalids</i>						
General Hospital, 32,709 pints, at 2d.	272	11	6				Allowance for pigs' food from Hospital	8	0	0			
Ditto, 21,992 pints at 1½d.	137	9	0				Ditto, New Town Charita- ble Institution	8	0	0			
New Town Charitable Institu- tion, 23,585 pints, at 2d.	196	10	10				Cost of Invalid labour	29	18	0			
Ditto, 11,796 pints, at 1½d.	73	14	6				12 bushels Italian rye grass, £3 12s.; 10 bushels barley, £1 12s. 6d.	5	4	6			
H.M. Gaol, 704½ pints, at 2d.	5	17	5				20 lbs. mangel wurzel, £2; Maize, £2 12s. 6d.	4	12	6			
Ditto, 433½ pints, at 1½d.	2	14	2								191	0	9
				688	17	5	Fuel and light			16	13	1
							Purchase of live stock			48	6	6
							Repairs to Farm buildings, &c.	...			63	13	11
											710	16	3
							Balance in favour of Farm....	...			214	10	10
											£925	7	1
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JOHN HARDING, *Superintendent.*