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GOVERNMENT FARM, NEW TOWN :

REPORT FOR 1887.

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



NEW TOWN FARM.

6th March, 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report and Account Current of the New Town Farm, for the year 1887.

The gross receipts for the year amounted to £1041 17s. 2d.; the expenditure for that period was £632 9s. 6d., leaving a balance in favour of the Farm of £409 7s. 8d.

The 100 acres which comprise the Farm were cropped as follows:—20 acres of hay, 4 acres oats, 2 acres barley, 6 acres Italian rye grass, 6 acres of mangold-wurtzel, and the remainder under grass and fallow. The hay, estimated at about 60 tons, was stacked in excellent order. The crop of mangold-wurtzel is still growing, and will, it is estimated, yield about 100 tons. The Farm implements purchased in England last year have been of the greatest service, especially the chiseller, in preparing the ground for the year's crops.

The live stock on the 31st December last was as follows:—5 horses, 1 bull, 30 cows, and 36 pigs. During the year several old cows were sold, and were replaced by young ones, making a great improvement in the value of the stock.

The breeding of the pigs has had careful attention; and it is satisfactory to state that they are still being purchased from time to time for breeding purposes. I estimate the value of the stock and crop on the 31st December at £800.

Owing to the extraordinary demand for milk at the General Hospital, no calves were reared during the year, in order that as great a supply of milk as possible might be furnished.

The work of the Farm was performed satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN HARDING, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of the NEW TOWN FARM for the Year 1887.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Cash Receipts.</i>							<i>Salaries.</i>						
By sale of 88 pigs	137	9	4				Superintendent	180	0	0			
Ditto 6 calves	3	3	6				Ploughman	91	5	0			
Ditto 8 cows	42	17	6				Ditto	78	0	0			
Ditto 1 bull	23	15	0				Employment of Invalids from						
<i>Milk sold to Officers at Govern-</i>							<i>Institution.</i>	21	12	0			
<i>ment Institutions—</i>											370	17	0
General Hospital, 3084 pints,							<i>Miscellaneous Farm Expenses—</i>						
at 2d.	25	14	0				1 barrow wheel, 3s. 6d.; 26 cwt.						
New Town Charitable Institu-							salt, £5 1s. 6d.	5	5	0			
tion, 2704½ pints, at 2d. ...	22	10	9				8 bushels Italian rye grass,						
H.M. Gaol, 6586 pints, at 2d.	54	17	8				£2 8s.; 50 bushels oats,						
				310	7	9	£6 17s. 6d.	9	5	6			
<i>Milk supplied to Establishments—</i>							4 lbs. turnip seed, 10s.; 4 ditto,						
General Hospital, 51,273 pints,							8s.	0	18	0			
at 2d.	427	5	6				20 bushels wheat, £4 16s. 8d.;						
New Town Charitable Institu-							2 bushels wheat, 12s. 6d. ...	5	9	2			
tion, 33,610 pints, at 2d. ...	280	1	8				4 bushels English barley, £1;						
H.M. Gaol, 2893½ pints, at 2d.	24	2	3				20 lbs. mangold wurtzel,						
				731	3	5	£1 10s.	2	10	0			
							5 lbs. carrot seed, 17s. 6d.;						
							15 cwt. straw, £1 13s. 9d. ...	2	11	3			
							Rope, 15s.; stationery, 1s.	0	16	0			
							10 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr. straw	26	3	6			
							Ironmongery, £5; extra labour						
							harvesting, £9.	14	0	0			
							1 ton bone dust, £6 10s.; 1 ton						
							super-phosphate of lime, £9	15	10	0			
							1050 bushels bran, £49 1s. 8d.;						
							repairs to harness, £4 1s. 6d.	53	2	9			
							Extra pay for night labour,						
							£10; blacksmiths' work,						
							£16 18s. 4d.	26	18	4			
							Allowance for pigs' food from						
							General Hospital.	12	0	0			
							Ditto New Town Charita-						
							ble Institution.	12	0	0			
							Cost of tobacco allowed to						
							Invalids	0	17	6			
											187	7	0
							Fuel and light .....	...			16	3	5
							Purchase of live stock .....	...			43	2	6
							Repairs to buildings .....	...			14	19	7
											632	9	6
							Balance in favour of Farm ...	...			409	7	8
											£1041	17	2

JOHN HARDING, *Superintendent.*