



The Christmas display of Swindon butchers, John Hill at 38 Bridge Street, December 1873

The Butchers' Christmas Show

This year, as last, there will be no "Christmas show" in the old sense of the term, by the butchers and other tradesmen of the town. We understand, however, that most of the leading shops will be fully hung with their Christmas supply on Monday evening; and as we have already visited many of them we append, as usual, a brief description of the purchases made by each butcher.

Messrs. W. and G. MARLOW bought of Mr. Strong 21 first-rate Devon oxen, at a cost of £1004; three oxen of Mr. J Harding, at £150; and one of Mr. Aller at £61. The same firm also bought of Mr. James Rawlence, of Bulbridge, 100 first-rate Down sheep; 45 Exmoor sheep, and 86 wether sheep of Mr. J Strong; 65 beautiful Exmoor sheep of Mr. J Harding, of Speckington; 50 Down wether sheep of Mr. Turner, of Lyng. They will kill 100 sheep fed by themselves. Messrs Marlow also purchased a pen of good Sussex Downs, bred and fed by Mr. Seward, of Chichester, which obtained the first prize at Messrs. Perkins' show at Southampton yesterday.

Mr. E JUDD, of Catherine-street, has purchased 10 fine oxen from Mr. Barrington, two of which are very superior animals; he also bought a number of beasts of Mr. Norton, near Yeovil; a fine heifer fed by Mr. Newton, of Dogdean; 50 Southdown sheep of Mr. A Morrison, of Fonthill; 50 Southdown sheep of Mr. Ashford; a number of good Southdown sheep from Mr. Webb, of Langport, also a very fine calf from Messrs. Gray, of Britford.

Mr. James SMITH (late Smith and Son), Butcher-row, has purchased a fine Devon ox from Mr. John strong, and five short-horn beasts of Mr. Henry Ferris, of Manningford, two of which gained first and second prizes at Chippenham, and the first at Melksham; eight Devon beasts from Mr. Wm. Milton, on Huntspill; and 20 famous Exmoor sheep from Mr. John Strong, of Dunster.

Mrs MEATYARD, of Castle-street, has been supplied with several very nice beasts by Mr. Strong, of Dunster, a quantity of sheep from Mr. Haines, and also from Mr. Benjamin Norton.

Mr. MILLARD, Castle-street, obtained four Devon oxen from Mr. Harding, of Speckington, a pen of superior six-teeth Down sheep from the Rev. W Knatchbull, of Cholderton; and two pens of Southdown sheep from Mr. Stone.

Mr. W JUDD, of the Butcher-row, has purchased two very superior Devon oxen of Mr. Henry Monckton, Allen-court, near Langport, Somerset; also two very superior beasts of Mr. Jones, fed by Mrs Richards, Charlton Church, Wincanton, Somerset; also of Mr. Jones 12 prime six-teeth Southdown wether sheep, fed by Mr. J Messiter, Wincanton; likewise 32 prime wether sheep of Mr. A Bowering, Polsham, near Wells, Somerset.

Mr. W. SNOOK, Butcher-row, purchased a very superior short horn heifer from Mr. A Futcher, of Fovant; 2 prime Devon oxen of Mr. John Strong, of Dunster; one Devon steer of Mr. Keene; one fat heifer of Mr. Chas. Hunt, of Stour Provost; he also bought a very fine animal from Mr. Saunders of Wishford, and one equally as prime of Mr. Andrews, of the same place; 20 prime four and six-teethed Down wethers, of Mr. Bowering, of Polsham, near Wells; 20 Down sheep of Mr. John Arthur, of Salisbury; and a fat calf of Mr. Musselwhite, of Harnham.

Mr. J G SNOOK, Catherine-street, purchase five short-horn Hereford oxen from Mr. R S Chapman, of Holt; two very fine beasts from Mr. J Harding, of Speckington, fatted especially for the Christmas market; a choice heifer, fed by Mr. John Strong, of Dunster; five cross-bred sheep of Mr. W Milton, which gained the first prize at Dunster Cattle Show. He also bought 10 others of the same gentleman; 10 choice horned sheep of Mr. B Norton, of Crewkerne, and 10 wether sheep of Mr. John Strong. In addition to the above, Mr. Snook has killed a number of Exmoor sheep fed by himself.

Mrs T DOWDING, Milford-street, bought a very fine heifer from Mr. Jones, of Wincanton, and one from Mr. Bridger Gibbs; 16 southdown sheep from the first-named gentleman, and 10 from Mr. Geo. Compton, of Pitton; also a very fat calf of Mr. Smith, of Milford.

Mr. W A JUDD, Brown-street, purchased of Mr. Benjafield, of Wincanton, three prime short-horn oxen; of Mr. W Scott, of West-park, Dorset, two very fine Down oxen; of Mr. J Ashford, Bruton, Somerset, 30 very superior half-bred sheep, also two pens of six-teeth Down wethers.

Mr. DAY, Fisherton, bought two prime oxen grazed by Mr. J Edwards, of River Farm; two very superior heifers, grazed by Mr. Cornelius Hunt, East Orchard, Dorset; twenty very prime sheep, grazed by Mr. S Wheeler, of Bishopstone; 20 good Downs, grazed by Mr. C Hunt; six prime porkers, bred and fed by Mr. J Jebbett.

Mr. George BAKER, Wilton-road, has two very fine Devon oxen, purchased of Mr. Milton, North Petherton; one from Mr. Bowering, of Polsham; and two steers from the same gentleman; in addition to 60 prime Down sheep.

Mr. THICK, of Fisherton, purchased four prime oxen, five very handsome heifers, one extraordinary shorthorn heifer, bred and fed by Mr. W Bennett, of Chilmark; an exceedingly large heifer, fed by Mr. S Chinnock, of Dinton; also 40 very superior Down wether sheep, of the same gentleman; and 20 Down sheep from Mr. McIntosh.

Mr. COLES, bacon factor, High-street. This old-established house has again been supplied with a large number of extraordinary good bacon pigs, of the Berkshire breed, bred by Mr. John Woodcock; 30 good baconers, bought of Mr. Barnes, of Britford; and seven choice porkers from Mr. Pyle, of Britford.

Mr. FELTHAM, bacon-factor, of Winchester-street, has 10 very handsome bacon pigs, purchased of Mr. Charles Stone, of Broughton; four very large ditto, of Mr. Gay, of Brickworth Farm; seven bacon pigs and seven porkers of Mr. Harris, of Durnford.

Mr. BERRY, pork butcher, Catherine-street, Mr. MANNS, Endless-street, and Mr. BROWN, Castle-street, will not make any show, but each one has an extensive supply of meat to meet the demands of their patrons.

Mr. DAVIS, of the Fish-market, has purchased an immense quantity of game and poultry of every description, and several hundreds of turkeys, pronounced to be very much finer than usual.

Mr. WRIGHT, poulterer, of the Butcher-row, also supports the well-known reputation of his shop, which is well stocked with turkeys, geese, wild-fowl, game and poultry of the very best quality.

Mr. J WHITE, of the Fish-market, will be sure to have an excellent supply of game.”

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