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Group of Officials. Front Row (left to right): Messrs. R. Ellison, H. Rich, C. Billborough, and A. Ross. Second Row (left to right): Messrs. W. Forshaw (joint secretary), H. J. Berry (chairman), Capt. J. Berkeley, J.P. (president), Miss Knowles, Miss Myerscough, N.D.D. (judge of butter and eggs), Mr. R. Gillett, J.P. (judge of decorated turnouts) and J. Whittaker (judge of cattle). Third Row (left to right): Messrs. John Procter, T. Procter (joint secretary), J. Helme (judge of cheese), W. Carr and H. Harrison (judges of sheep), T. A. Crook, J.P. (judge of Shires), and J. Wilcock (judge of poultry). Back Row (left to right): Messrs. R. Ross, J. Holden, W. Hayhurst, W. Sefton, J. Whalley, and J. Dewhurst.

RESULTS

Cattle were a strong feature and reflected the merit of the hill country herds. They were all Shorthorns, red and whites and roans. T. Procter won Capt. Berkeley's Cup for the best collection of cattle. The best dairy cow in calf from Mrs Gorst, Thornley, had "a sweet outlook, fine limbs and the tackle one associates with the pail filler".

Horses were almost entirely weighty Shires, Mrs Milner & Sons of Thornley winning most of the classes. The horses shown in the saddle and turnout classes were well suited to the district, "to rattle the 'kit' cart over the undulating roads and to take a turn in the odd jobs about the farm".

Some good specimens of Lonks, Blackfaces, and half-bred sheep were included in a numerous collection.

There was a high level of quality in the classes for utility poultry, though several birds should have been given a little more "toilette preparation". Also some of the cockerels in adjoining pens were not seen at their best, having got within range of each other and "been guilty of a breach of the peace."

Eggs made an exceptional display, and were extremely difficult to judge. Mrs Procter won the class for butter, and J. Rich and A. Ross were winners for cheeses.

There was a total entry, including the sheep dog trials, the only open event, of 365 ... held to be a very encouraging beginning.

A novelty in the ring attractions was the pretty dancing by 'The Sunbeams', four little girls from the Preston Parish Church schools. The Chipping band also helped to enliven the proceedings. A large audience witnessed the judging of the stock, but during the last event, the sheep dog trials won by R. Parker of Saddle Side, there was a heavy downpour of rain.



(Chipping Local History Society has more detail and the full list of the results of the various classes, if any readers would like further information)