LEWES GREAT FAIR.

MODERATE SHEEP TRADE.

YESTERDAY

It has been said that the two events of the year in Lewes are the celebration of the "Fifth" and the great Sheep Fair. The first-named has received what most people believe to be its quietus, but the sheep fair remains still, it is hoped, continue to serve a useful purpose for a long time to come. Yesterday the chief sheep fair held in the Lewes County Civil Prison was favoured with beautiful weather, and the attendance was, if anything, larger than in days past. Nobody could complain of a dull day during the year, which has been a somewhat peculiar one for the sheep trade. The excessive heat of the weather and the shortage in keep was calculated to affect both the supply and the prices obtained, but trade must be put down as moderately good. There seemed to be plenty of enquiries or auctioneers, and about average numbers changed hands. Mr. J. Picard, the manager of the fair, had made pending arrangements for 14,000, which is 1,000 more than last year and 500 more than in 1904. The quality of the famous Southdown breed was fully maintained, both sheep and lambs being hardy and healthy if not quite so fleshy as in some years. Among those sending to the fair were the Earl of Chichester, Lord Neidhammer, Sir Henry Fitzroy Fletcher, Bart., M.P., Mr. Ellis (Firle), Mr. Carr (Fittingdine), Mr. Hobson (Chailey), Mr. J. Knight (Chailey), Mr. J. Lusted (Isfield), Mr. Gibbs (Firle), Mr. Holden (Tonbridge), Mr. J. Norris (Ashburnham), Mr. Smith (Barcombe), Mr. Alan Cooper (Norton), Messrs. Langridge and Filder (Eastbourne), Mr. J. Porter (Ringmer), Messrs. C. and E. Beard (Icklesham), Mr. R. Bannister (Southease), Mr. J. J. Gorringe (Laughton), Mr. W. Elphick (Pevensey), Mr. J. H. Gray (Alciston), Mr. G. Gwynne (Berwick), Mr. G. Holman (Charing), Mr. A. Heasman (Littlehampton), Mr. J. Tompkins (Angmering), Mr. T. Martin (Rodmell), Mr. Isaac Foster (Lewes), Mr. J. H. Marchant (Wannock), Mr. J. Kenward (Hamsey), Mr. R. F. Holman (Clayton), Mr. R. Brown (West Blatchington and Laughton), Mr. H. J. Furnell (Chiddingly), Mr. T. Cooper (Willingdon), Mr. H. Willett (Laughton and Balsdean), Mr. W. Page (Edburton), Messrs. E. P. and W. Page (Edburton), Mr. W. Brown (Rottingdean), Mr. J. Brown (Patcham), Mr. J. Crawford (Coombe Farm), Mr. W. Noakes (Cuckfield), Mr. J. J. Miles (Claverham), Mr. A. Wadman (Firle), Mr. L. Berry (Fraudleigh), Mr. S. H. Holford (Ringmer), Mr. T. Bannister (Hayward's Heath), Mr. H. Scrase (Pyecombe), Mr. R. Matthews (Alciston), Mr. C. F. W. Sturgeon (Ashington), Mr. E. J. Gorringe (Chyngton), Mr. J. B. Powell (Mayfield), Mr. Carter (Scaddenden), Mr. S. Haines (Lavant), Mr. J. Page (Ringmer), Mr. H. Ratcliff (Felsham), Mr. F. Hardwick (Faythorne), Mr. Cana (Cumington), Mr. Chick (Southease), Mr. J. Langwell (Newhaven), Mr. Hemsley (Isfield), Mr. J. E. A. Gwynne (Lullington), Mr. Thorne (Denton), Mr. J. T. Lane (Palmer), Mr. Stay (Peacehaven), Mr. J. Winter (Seaford), Mr. Fowler (Ilford), Mr. J. Moore (Heighton), Mr. H. Matthews (Southease), Mr. R. Verrall (Palmer), Messrs. C. and E. Robinson (Saddlescombe), Messrs. J. and J. C. Cochrane (Ford), Mr. J. E. Brand (Hoo), Mr. Huggett (Newhaven), Mr. R. A. Warren (East Preston), Mr. J. Stacey (Swanborough), Mr. H. Stacey (Firle), Mr. J. Langwell (Hoo clean), Mr. F. Stanford (Middleton).

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The match between Haywards Heath and Hove Wanderers on the Heath recreation ground on Wednesday ended in a victory for the visitors, thanks to the smart bowling of H. Pearce, who took eight wickets for 27 runs. Scores:—Hove Wanderers, 1st inns, K. Wyatt 10, E. J. Plummer 16, and D. Miller 13); Hove Wanderers, 2nd inns, for six wickets (A. Holford 28, W. Reed 35, and P. Bartholomew 24).

BURGESS HILL BOWLING CLUB.—This club ended its successful season on Wednesday with a match against Newhaven, whom it succeeded in defeating by 7 games. Scores:—Burgess Hill, 71; Newhaven, 53. Tea followed the game, Mr. T. Slinnock presiding. In giving the health of the Newhaven team, he said, speaking of the pleasure which it gave the Hillians to meet them there to wind up the season, he remarked that the position of affairs was "Heads we win in the game at Newhaven the Burgess Hill bowlers were beaten, and Mr. Bannister, the president, had to have Club, responded. He expressed gratitude for the kind welcome extended to them and hoped to have the pleasure of playing Burgess Hill next year. In the evening the bowling green was illuminated with electric light, practice games were played, and a supper of Town Band gave some excellent selections.—The prizes won in the recent club handicap were distributed by Mr. T. Slinnock to Mr. W. Dale (first), Mr. S. Hoadley (second), and Mr. A. Broad (third).

TICEHURST BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The usual fortnightly meeting of this authority was held at the Union Workhouse on Thursday, when Mr. E. W. Noakes presided over an attendance which included H. D. Dixon, mechanicians, and Messrs. G. Gardner, W. Walker, W. I. Cox, J. Sands, H. Bassett, C. Boorman, J. Glyde, J. Hyland, D. A. Lewis, H. J. Noakes, J. Vincent, C. Gunyon, E. Bennett, Messrs. Also Dr. J. Lane Andrews (clerk), and Mr. E. E. Summers (master of the workhouse). The Master (Mr. Summers) reported the number of inmates in the workhouse as 88 against 80 for the corresponding period last year, and the number of vagrants relieved 15 against four last year.—The master was given permission to send the children to the seaside for a few days, the expenses to be defrayed out of money earned by them hop-picking.—The Local Government wrote sanctioning a subscription of £1 in 1a. to the N.S.P.C.C.—The House Committee reported on tenders for supplies, and the following were accepted:—Bread, flour, and coals, Mr. J. Hall, Horst Green; butchers' meat, Mr. W. Ford, Ticehurst; tea, United Kingdom Tea Company; milk, Mr. A. Bartholomew, Flimwell; ale, Ware and Sons, Trent; groceries, Mr. E. W. Cooper, Ticehurst; soap, Mr. E. W. Cooper, Ticehurst; boots and shoes, Mr. J. Outram, Sevenoaks; coke, Mr. G. Gillham, Ticehurst; coal, E. Pankhurst, Son and Co. Limited, Brighton.

HAYWARDS HEATH AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SHOW.

Nothing succeeds like success, and success in this world is rarely attained without hard work. The Secretary of the Haywards Heath and District Fanciers' Association, at least, knows that from his labours, but hard work with them is a secondary consideration, the chief aim being to eliminate from the high reputation of the poultry show, which has now been running for fifteen years. The exhibition held in Market Place Field, Haywards Heath, by kind permission of Mr. T. Bannister, J.P., on Thursday and Friday, attracted a large crowd of fanciers, many of whom came from the North of England, and all who were lost in their prizes, not only of the exhibits, but also of the generous arrangements. It is one of the finest shows ever seen outside London, from a well-known fancier, and no one doubted the total being 1,535—an increase of 75 over last year's entries were good and competition keen. At times the judges had some considerable difficulty in placing the awards, but fortunately for every instance their judgments did not pass without criticism, that was not to be expected—yet their decisions were admitted fair, and unknown exhibitors received the attention of the Fancy. Among those sending to the fair were the Earl of Chichester, Lord Neidhammer, Sir Henry Fitzroy Fletcher, Bart., M.P., Mr. Ellis (Firle), Mr. Carr (Fittingdine), Mr. Hobson (Chailey), Mr. J. Knight (Chailey), Mr. J. Lusted (Isfield), Mr. Gibbs (Firle), Mr. Holden (Tonbridge), Mr. J. Norris (Ashburnham), Mr. Smith (Barcombe), Mr. Alan Cooper (Norton), Messrs. Langridge and Filder (Eastbourne), Mr. J. Porter (Ringmer), Messrs. C. and E. Beard (Icklesham), Mr. R. Bannister (Southease), Mr. J. J. Gorringe (Laughton), Mr. W. Elphick (Pevensey), Mr. J. H. Gray (Alciston), Mr. G. Gwynne (Berwick), Mr. G. Holman (Charing), Mr. A. Heasman (Littlehampton), Mr. J. Tompkins (Angmering), Mr. T. Martin (Rodmell), Mr. Isaac Foster (Lewes), Mr. J. H. Marchant (Wannock), Mr. J. Kenward (Hamsey), Mr. R. F. Holman (Clayton), Mr. R. Brown (West Blatchington and Laughton), Mr. H. J. Furnell (Chiddingly), Mr. T. Cooper (Willingdon), Mr. H. Willett (Laughton and Balsdean), Mr. W. Page (Edburton), Messrs. E. P. and W. Page (Edburton), Mr. W. Brown (Rottingdean), Mr. J. Brown (Patcham), Mr. J. Crawford (Coombe Farm), Mr. W. Noakes (Cuckfield), Mr. J. J. Miles (Clavrham), Mr. A. Wadman (Firle), Mr. L. Berry (Fraudleigh), Mr. S. H. Holford (Ringmer), Mr. T. Bannister (Hayward's Heath), Mr. H. Scrase (Pyecombe), Mr. R. Matthews (Alciston), Mr. C. F. W. Sturgeon (Ashington), Mr. E. J. Gorringe (Chyngton), Mr. J. B. Powell (Mayfield), Mr. Carter (Scaddenden), Mr. S. Haines (Lavant), Mr. J. Page (Ringmer), Mr. H. Ratcliff (Felsham), Mr. F. Hardwick (Faythorne), Mr. Cana (Cumington), Mr. Chick (Southease), Mr. J. Langwell (Newhaven), Mr. Hemsley (Isfield), Mr. J. E. A. Gwynne (Lullington), Mr. Thorne (Denton), Mr. J. T. Lane (Palmer), Mr. Stay (Peacehaven), Mr. J. Winter (Seaford), Mr. Fowler (Ilford), Mr. J. Moore (Heighton), Mr. H. Matthews (Southease), Mr. R. Verrall (Palmer), Messrs. C. and E. Robinson (Saddlescombe), Messrs. J. and J. C. Cochrane (Ford), Mr. J. E. Brand (Hoo), Mr. Huggett (Newhaven), Mr. R. A. Warren (East Preston), Mr. J. Stacey (Swanborough), Mr. H. Stacey (Firle), Mr. J. Langwell (Hoo clean), Mr. F. Stanford (Middleton).

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LEWES AND THE FIFTH.

The bonfire societies in Lewes have not come to a unanimous decision on the question whether the celebration of the "Fifth" shall be dropped or carried out in a modified form. We understand that the Southover Society has resolved to take no part in any processions that may be arranged, and that the Cliffe Society has decided to carry out the fifth on its own account. The decisions of the Commercial and Borough Societies are not yet known.

FARM SALE AT STREAT.—On Thursday Messrs. Drawbridge and Ansell, auctioneers, of Hassocks, held the Streat Place Farm, a very successful sale at Oakwood Farm, Street, when the disposal took place of a number of Southdown shorthorn and crossbred cattle, some horses, about 200 Southdown breeding ewes, 150 head of poultry, with the usual stock of farm agricultural implements, etc. There was a large attendance, and keen competition for many of the lots was noticeable. The farm was occupied by the owner, Mr. Thomas Packham, who is quitting the farm. Among the principal buyers of cattle were Messrs. Ford and W. Hicks, Streat; Mr. Gasser, Ripe; Mr. Kowil, Hassocks; Mr. Waterer, Standean; Mr. Hollis, Brighton. While some very useful cattle changed hands, the prices were low. Mr. E. B. Powell, Lewes; Mr. Gammon, Lancing; Mr. H. Broad, Hassocks; and others. Purebred Southdown breeding ewes fetched prices averaging about 40s., while theaverage purchasing bid for broken-mouth ewes was about 2s.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Number of patients in Hospital last Board day, 173; total number admitted since, 1,079; number discharged since, 38; number now in Hospital, 175; number of out-patients prescribed for during the week, 1,079. The Committee of Management acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations, viz.: £45 8s. 3d. towards Hartfield Friendly Societies' Church Parade; £15 5s. 4d., Clayton Cross, Keymer, harvest thanksgiving; £5 7s. 2d., Barcombe Common ditto; £3, West Chiltington ditto; £1 12s., Bury ditto; £14, Wivelsfield ditto; £9 1s., Portslade Friendly Societies' Church Parade; £1 16s., Brighton and Hove Evangelication Society; £5, Lindfield Foresters' Court; £1 12s., J. H. Bain, collected by. Workmen's collections: T. W. Barnes and Co., £4 7s. 10d.; W. H. Hollman, £1 5s. 1d.; Marsuling, £1 1s. 8d. Fruit and vegetables, Rev. H. D. Meyrick; ditto, Rev. R. Dunlop; ditto, Rev. F. H. Hughes; ditto, Rev. C. H. Pritchard.

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1ST C.P.V.R. CORPS, "R" COMPANY, RYE.—Orders for the week commencing 24th September, 1906: S.C.O. for the week, Lance-Corpl. Cargill, Corp. Wickersham. Tuesday, recruit drill, at 8.0 p.m. Wednesday, Company drill, commencing at 8.15 p.m. Thursday, recruit drill, at 8.15 p.m. Saturday, Company annual prize firing. Full details as to time of commencing and general conditions, etc., will be posted at the Armoury.—Signed, C. Ashton Selmes, Major, commanding "E" Company.

The Rye and District annual competition for the challenge cup in connection with the Rye and District Rifle Club was held at the Watland's Range on Thursday, 13th instant, when there were shots at a vanishing target at 200 yards, seven and a sighter at five, six, and seven yards, under service conditions, the highest aggregate to hold the cup for the year, which is a handsome silver cup. Four other prizes were awarded. The chief scores are appended:—

H. Plews	20	50	60	30	H'cap. 71
C. Chichester	21	47	27	34	scr. 111
A. W. Richards	15	29	28	29	scr. 101
A. L. Cole	21	37	25	32	scr. 95
T. Noakes	21	31	27	25	3 98

—The cup went to H. Plews, who was also the winner of the revolver prize.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest thanksgiving services in connection with the Rye Branch of the Salvation Army were held in the Agricultural Hall on Sunday and Sunday last. The hall had been prettily decorated for the occasion by Captain Valentine and his staff of willing workers, the fruit and vegetables being supplied by a large number of friends and sympathisers. The services commenced on Saturday evening, when the Folkestone Brass Band from Folkestone, with the band, numbering nearly 40 performers, is considered one of the finest bands in connection with the Salvation Army on the South Coast, and its performance quite justified its reputation. On Sunday morning the services were commenced at 11 o'clock, the band having first rendered selections in the town. In the afternoon Mr. W. E. Willmott presided over a special attendance, when the band played some of the last marches, as published by the Army Musical Department. In the evening a large congregation was present, when the Deacon presided, and at this there was a crowded attendance. At 8 15 the band played for the Bandit Festival. The collections during Saturday and Sunday totalled the sum of £10 10s., which was considered a most pleasing result. The Bandit Festival and the Bun the garden produce took place at the Citadel, and good prices were realised.

BOROUGH BENCH.—At the Rye Borough Bench on Monday, before the Mayor (Dr. E. W. Ekins), Mr. Alderman J. S. Vidler, and Mr. H. J. Gasson, Arthur Gibbs, a diminutive youth, of no visible means, was charged with stealing 20 packets of sweets from the automatic machine, at Rye Tram Station. Mr. Cuthbert Hayles prosecuted on behalf of the Tramway Company, and stated that the frequency with which the machine was tampered with had compelled the Company to reluctantly bring this charge against so small a boy, and he asked the bench whether it would be right in such a way as to deter others from committing the offence. Evidence was given by Mr. C. A. Gafford, secretary, who received numerous complaints, and Victor Wood.—P.C. Moore stated that on the 6th September he charged defendant with the theft, and he stated another boy had broken the glass with a brick.—The bench ordered defendant to have three dozen strokes with the birch. Charles Henry Baker and Chas. Apps, of Rye, were charged with damaging the glass in the Tram Shelter at Rye, on the 7th September.—Charles Cooper, in charge of the employ, stated that he saw the boys coming from the shelter, and on his (the witness) approaching they threw away on seeing him. Defendants were remanded until next Monday for the appearance of their parents. —William Burt, a fisherman, of Rye, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, in Watchbell-street, on the 8th September.—P.C. Kelly said he found defendant drunk, and he was fined 5s. and costs.—William Ellis, of no fixed abode, was charged that he did unlawfully compel some coast in search of work, was charged with stealing 4lbs. of tobacco, the property of the International Tea Company, at Rye, on Saturday last.—Mr. Bridgman, for the Company, George Allcorn, the manager, and P.S. Verrion, and Mr. Cooper, gave evidence of the man's hard labour.—John Campbell, of Rye, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, in Watchbell-street, on the 8th September.—Defendant's explanation was that his wife was living at the inn, and he was going to see her. He was also summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the 15th September, when he was proved by P.C. Knight, who said defendant was shouting about the Queen and Prince of Wales and the England." He kicked witness, and assistance had to be obtained to convey him to the station.—The Chairman said the bench had given defendant every opportunity to mend his ways, and he would now be sentenced to 14 days for the first drunk, and 42 days for one month in default, for refusing to quit.—John Mills, of Rye Foreign, was charged with being absent without leave from the Sussex Regiment, at Shorncliffe Camp, Dover.—Defendant stated that he had no intention of absenting himself, but he had no opportunity to send