

All the articles supplied to the asylum are estimated at the contract price of the same articles during the year, except vegetables, for which there was no contract. In regard to these, it was ascertained that the price for supplying the district hospital was 1½d. per lb. for mixed vegetables, but to be on the safe side it was thought better to estimate them only at 1½d. A list of the actual quantity supplied is appended, from which it will be seen that fruit, such as plums, peaches, &c., are all included under this head, and that, therefore, no overcharging has been indulged in. Taking these facts into consideration, I think the balance-sheet is most satisfactory; but, beyond monetary considerations, the farm has done a great amount of good as a recreation-ground for the patients, and as a means of finding employment for many who, before its acquisition, were idle.

The farm, as a whole, has given indications that the price paid for it has not been excessive. A considerable portion consists of volcanic soil, filled with scoria boulders. Until these are removed, it will be impossible to go very extensively into cultivation. The clearing is being carried on as quickly and as constantly as possible: four acres were so cleared during the past year, which are now in crop. A commencement has also been made to fence and clear another portion, which will, no doubt, add to this year's returns.

The bailiff continues to give every satisfaction, but feels himself greatly cramped by the regulations, which forbid his either buying or selling any stock without authority from Wellington. The delay consequent on this often prevents him from making advantageous bargains. If possible, authority should be obtained for him to buy and sell as he thinks fit, within certain limits.

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FARM and GARDEN PRODUCE supplied to Institution.

	Lb.		Lb.		Lb.
Onions	1,931	Celery	300½	Grapes	45
Turnips	2,925	Parsley	430	Strawberries	16
Pumpkins	12,109	Rhubarb	65	Melons	405
Cabbage	10,832	Beans	1,082	Figs	4
Vegetable-marrows... ..	3,010	Peas	346	Sea-kale	4
Cauliflowers	590	Peaches	2,270	Kumaras	140
Tomatoes	132	Mint	20½	Gooseberries	5
Lettuces	31	Cucumbers	534		
Carrots	816	Plums	217		
Thyme	55				38,315

	£	s.	d.
38,315 lb., at 1½d. per lb.	239	9	4
7 tons 6 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. potatoes, at contract rate, ½d. per lb.	34	5	5
	£273	14	9

BALANCE-SHEET of FARM and GARDEN ACCOUNT from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1880.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
By Value of stock on hand, 1st January, 1880,—				By Value of stock on hand, 31st December, 1880,—			
20 pigs	30	0	0	15 cows	135	0	0
9 poultry	0	15	0	5 calves	14	10	0
Cash paid for—				1 horse	15	0	0
Implements	39	12	0	20 pigs	33	0	0
15 cows	135	0	0	20 tons of hay, made up and stacked	60	0	0
2 horses	43	0	0	Implements	39	12	0
Dairy utensils	8	6	6	Dairy utensils	8	6	6
Stable utensils	0	16	6	Stable utensils	0	16	6
Harness	12	0	0	Harness	12	0	0
Household articles for farm-cottage	6	15	0	Household articles	6	15	6
Repairs and sundries	16	19	5	Cash received for—			
Seeds	6	13	7	Pigs sold	61	10	1
Forage	20	10	3	Garden-produce sold	7	5	6
Timber for new piggery, fencing, gates, &c.	31	2	6	Grazing horses	17	6	9
Seed-potatoes	41	5	0	Horse sold	35	0	0
Bonedust	36	0	0	Cow exchanged	1	0	0
Lime	0	8	0	Value of produce supplied to Asylum,—			
Plants (cabbage)	0	19	0	6,946 quarts 1½ pints milk, at 4d. per quart	115	15	6
Horse-shoeing	2	11	6	Vegetables, fruit, &c., per daily memo.	239	9	4
Veterinary, attending sick cow	1	1	0	Potatoes, 7 tons 6 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb., at ½d. per lb.	34	5	5
Hire of mowing-machine	2	17	0	Pork, 260 lb., at 5d.	5	8	4
Hire, carting hay	0	15	0	Butter, fresh, 162 lb. 9 oz., at 1s. 2d.	9	9	8
Salaries, Manager and assistant... ..	153	6	8	Butter, salt, 37½ lb., at 11d.	1	14	4
Balance to credit		590	14				
		262	11				
	£853	5	5		£853	5	5