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Editorial.

GENERAL BOOTH.

General Booth, whose hoary head was as a "crown of righteousness," has just passed away at a very ripe age. Many thousands are deeply mourning their loss and many more thousands believe that the world has lost one whose magnificent qualities raised him head and shoulders above his fellow-men. As a powerful and successful organiser, the vast ramifications of the Salvation Army bear him testimony. Go where you will, North, East, South or West, and there will be found the name and fame of the General, beloved by many for the noble work accomplished by him and his followers. As one who passionately loved his fellow-men, he firmly believed that however low and degraded some of them had become, if "touched by a loving hand, and awakened by kindness, chords that were broken would vibrate once more." None were lost to his sympathy and friendship, and a true friend is indeed a great blessing. His courage and tenacity, in the face of the greatest opposition, is known to those of us who remember the early days of the movement with which his name is associated or have read its history. The world can ill afford to lose such a one, and truly we can say of him that "he being dead yet speaketh."

ESTATE COUNCIL ELECTION.

Saturday, August 31st, has been fixed for the Half-yearly Election of Estate Councillors, and we desire to remind the residents of the fact, and to impress upon all over sixteen years of age the importance of recording their vote.

The Council is already doing a very necessary and important work on our behalf, for surely all of us are prepared to admit that the social functions they have organised from time to time have played a considerable part in increasing our enjoyment as residents, and brought us into closer contact with each other, to our mutual advantage. But while the work accomplished has been good and useful there still remains, and indeed always will remain, a considerable amount of work for such a Council to perform, for with increasing population there will come new and increasing duties. Necessarily, on an Estate like ours, the earlier work of the Council was obliged to be mainly of a social character; to some extent that will always be the case, but more and more

as time passes there will be an increasing need and demand for work from the Council of an educative character, and it will be the duty of the Council not only to provide when the demand comes, but to take the initiative and create and foster a demand. In the first stages of their work we do not hesitate to say that they have done well and deserve our gratitude; we hope now that they will go forward into new fields of endeavour and achieve still better results.

The councillors whose term of service expires on Saturday, are Mrs. Jays and Mrs. Ward, and Messrs. Bowerman, Riley, Winterton and T. Wilford. Whether they will all seek re-election we do not at present know, but whoever the candidates may be, if a contest should take place, we hope every resident who is qualified will make a point of recording his or her vote, and we shall get the best possible service out of the Council by thus showing our interest in their work.

Estate Council.

Despite the very undesirable and unseasonable weather we experienced during the August week, the Council is of the opinion that those of our residents who stayed at home enjoyed themselves thoroughly. On the morning of Bank Holiday Monday we had what was described as a "Veterans' Cricket Match, which was very ably arranged by our friend Mr. Ward, and was appreciated by those who played, and enjoyed by all who witnessed it. In the afternoon, the Ladies played against the Gentlemen, and this game also caused a considerable amount of amusement for the players as well as the spectators. In the evening of the same day we had a thoroughly enjoyable concert, all the artistes at which were members and residents upon this Estate, and to whom we wish to extend our thanks for their services.

On Tuesday, the Cricket Club had a fixture with the Oxford C.C.—captained by Mr. Adcock—and although after the home team had secured ninety runs for the fall of nine wickets rain stopped the game, the disappointment thereat quickly disappeared in the evening when we had the Pierrot Troupe known as "The Wyllwins" to entertain us, and it is worth notice that our concert hall was packed almost to the ceiling, all the window-ledge being requisitioned for seats.

The Cricket game on Wednesday was abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather, but the Thursday game was played to a finish although it resulted in a loss for the home team.

The week's round of excitement was brought to a pleasant climax by a Free and Easy Concert and Party on the Saturday evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our whole attention was then occupied with the coming Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Festival, which we determined should prove a grand success, and in connection with this we visited the gardens of those who had entered for the prize offered by the Council, and from their careful observations the Council wish to say that they are very proud indeed of the condition in which most of our gardens are kept. The result of the judging appears in another column—as does also the report of the Festival.

Humberstone Charities.

A feature of English village life is the charity—the money or property left by some benevolent person or persons for the benefit of his or her less fortunate neighbours. Of course towns have their charities as well as villages, but in the smaller community the charity is for several reasons more noticeable, perhaps more useful. The countryman in his prime does not often receive an economic wage, and if misfortune of any kind overtakes him he is glad of assistance from the funds which may be provided for the purpose, the acceptance of which does not imply the stigma of pauperism, and is not connected with the poor-law, that black beast of the English peasant. Of course there is nothing like equality amongst the various parishes in this matter, some communities are in clover and some are very poorly provided; in some cases the donors are known, whilst in others the bequest has come so far down through the mists of antiquity that the donors have been forgotten. The records generally are fragmentary, for the “rude forefathers of the hamlet” were men not much given to recording, such as exist being found generally tabulated on the walls of the church, a favourite position being over the north or south door, and anyone fond of looking round old churches may often read on a more or less dilapidated tablet how certain sums of money have been “given and bequeathed for the use of the poor of this parish.”

Coming to our own particular village the charities are recorded in an “Abstract of returns of charitable donations for the benefit of poor persons—26, Geo. III.,” which included the whole of the country and from which the following particulars are taken:—

or sold to the best bidder every year, and the money arising therefrom hath been disposed of time immemorable, half for the use of the Church and half for the use of the Poor.

WILLIAM WARNER,) *Churchwardens*,
JOSEPH ALLEN,) 1783.

Some time afterwards the authorities seem to have had another attack of the recording fever, possibly stirred thereto by the Charity Commissioners who had begun their work in pursuance of an Act of 1853, for on another board fixed immediately under the first one are inscribed the following particulars:—

“The above described Charitable Donations, respectively known as the Crow Orchard and the Mill Close, in the Parish of Humberstone, the yearly rent of which is appropriated half for the use of the Church and half for the use of the Poor.

JOHN WILDMAN,) *Churchwardens*,
WILLIAM JAS. WINDRAM,) 1858.

It will be noticed that the two eighteenth century records do not exactly coincide. The Church tablet (1783) states distinctly that the charity hath been from “time immemorable” half for Church and half for Poor; while on the other hand the Abstract (1786) is clear enough in respect of the land charity, that although donor and date of donation are unknown, the purpose is “given to Poor.”

The Mill Close mentioned above was on the site of the present Borough Asylum, and the tradition in the village is that it was sold and the proceeds went towards paying for the village school; but if this was so it must have been some time after the school was erected, for the school was built in 1857, and the Church record is

HUMBERSTONE.

Name of Donor.	When given.	Purpose.	Nature of Charity.	In whom vested.	Gross Amount.	Annual Product.
Unknown.	Unknown.	Given to Poor.	Land.	Churchwardens and Overseers.	—	£7
Unknown.	Unknown.	Half to Church and Half to Poor.	Money.	Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers.	£35	£1 15s.

Old “Farmer George” ascended the throne in 1760, so “26 Geo. III.” would be 1786. In regard to the money charity, that has totally disappeared; where and when and how, we can only conjecture, all we know it is not now in existence. It is worthy of notice that the quantity and position of the land is not stated, but some further light is thrown on this by a board affixed just inside the west door of the church, which contains the following:—

“Given and bequeathed for the use of the Church and Poor of the Parish of Humberstone by persons unknown.”

“A piece of land called Church Headland, a piece of Meadow land in Upper Marston, three pieces in North Mead, the crop of which pieces of land are let

dated 1858: it is not probable that an account of the land would have been put in a permanent position had there been any immediate intention of selling it.

At present Crow Orchard is the sole representative of the various plots enumerated. This is the well-known orchard at the village end of Humberstone Drive, containing just over two acres. This is let for £20 per annum, half of which goes to the Church and half to the Poor. The accounts are duly presented at each Easter Vestry by the people's warden. On the income side is the £20 rent of orchard and eightpence for rent of a telephone pole; and on the expenses side is usually a fair amount for repair of fences, the junior part of the community seeming to have a special liking for the produce of this orchard, and generally doing as much damage as possible in effecting an entrance. Out of the poor's half of the remainder there is usually sufficient

to provide fifteen or sixteen widows and poor persons with half-a-sovereign each at Christmas; these amounts are distributed irrespective of creed, the only qualifications being residence in the parish and the necessity of the applicant.

It may be that before long the march, if not of civilisation, of bricks and mortar from the direction of the town, may make this plot of land too valuable to be used for its present purpose; this cause and the increasing age of the fruit trees, some of which are certainly becoming old residents, may make it worth the while of the trustees to seek a different method of working the charity. But with that it is not my province to deal, as the origin is unknown so the ultimate end is unknown also.

Of course this does not profess to be an exhaustive account of the village charities, the history of which, if it exists, is hidden away in the archives of the parish, in places not readily accessible to the ordinary resident. Of this as of most village history we get occasional glimpses, when something stirs up the people in charge to make a permanent record, but we know that from "time immemorial" down to the present day certain sums have been "given and bequeathed for the use of the Poor."

PENDA.

Garden Notes.

On August 17th, I had the pleasure of visiting your Flower Show, and feel I must congratulate every one who took part in that event. Certainly it was far beyond all expectation, especially when we take into consideration the fact that nearly all the exhibitors were new recruits to the show-boards. The quality of the produce was far above the ordinary standard and shows the result of good cultivation. Of course to an old show-worm perhaps there were a few points which could have been improved upon, such as staging and the blending of colours, but this is quite an art, which can only be obtained by practice. There were, in my opinion, two exhibits which suffered a great deal from this defect. The first was an epergne made up of gypsophila and sweet peas. It was a very good effort, but lacked its final touch which might have been secured by inserting about four good blooms of reds or mauves such as Maude Holmes or Tenant Spencer into the upper part of the exhibit. Then again, in the collection of cut flowers, one exhibitor had some very fine specimens of phlox which in my opinion he did not use to the best advantage. The vase he placed at the left hand corner of the front row, with longer stems would have made an excellent centre for his background, then the yellow *Helium pumilum* from the left back corner might have been placed with good effect in the centre of the exhibit. Just as I was leaving the show one good plate of apples (Worcester Pearmain) and one dish of tomatoes especially caught my eye, and on going back I found the first named belonged to Mr. Meekins, and the latter to Mr. Gilliver. It is not the first time this gentleman's tomatoes have attracted my attention and these were really good and did credit to the name affixed. Never polish apples; it bruises the flesh just underneath the skin and deteriorates the quality. It is always better to leave the bloom on which gives them such a fresh appearance.

T.R.

Our First Garden Festival.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1912.

The Opening Ceremony took place at 3 p.m., our worthy friend Mr. J. T. Taylor officiating. Following on Mr. Taylor's apt remarks, Mr. R. Scott read out the results of the judging which had been kindly undertaken by Mr. Coles, of the Abbey Nurseries. Mr. S. Wilford also gave a short address relating to the working and development of the estate in general.

From all points of view the Festival was a grand success, both in the display made, the quality and quantity of produce exhibited and also in the way in which it was patronised, over 300 persons paying for admission. Everybody seemed perfectly satisfied with the way the onerous duties of judging had been carried out, and the Council wish to announce that they are more than satisfied with the general result.

There is one point we wish to emphasise. We had no intention of giving any money prizes except the 5s. for the best kept garden, but at the last minute our friend Mr. Turner came forward with £1, to be used as we thought best, and after very careful consideration and much discussion we decided in the manner as shown in the list of results.

During the afternoon the Children of the Estate gave a gymnastic display, under the able leadership of Miss Mabel Meekins, and musical selections were played by the St. Andrew's Orchestral Band. Then in the evening the band, assisted by the "Estate Male Voice Choir," gave a very enjoyable concert, which was followed by a dance until about 10.15 p.m., thus bringing to a close one of the biggest and most successful days we have had upon our Estate.

We must not forget to add that we were favoured on this day by a visit from the Sileby Excelsior Co-operative Society, who brought about 100 visitors with them.

The Council trusts that this is only a forerunner of many like events that will take place in our midst.

Results of Flower Festival.

Best Kept Garden. Eleven Entries.

1. Mr. J. Rowlett	..	44	points, prize	5/-
2. Mr. J. A. Smith	..	41	" "	4/-
3. Mr. W. Martin..	..	40	" "	3/-

Highest possible points were 50.

Fruit and Vegetable Class.

Award of Merit, Mr. W. Winterton.
Flowers, Award of Merit, Mr. W. Neale.
Plants, Award of Merit, Mr. J. Rowlett.

Special Prizes for the best Collective Exhibits.

1. Mr. F. Morris ..	..	..	..	3/-
2. Mr. R. Diggle ..	..	..	..	2/6
3. Mr. W. Kilby ..	..	..	..	2/6

The prizes take the form of an order on our own Stores to be used for the purchase of Garden Requisites, Seeds, &c.

REPORTS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The July monthly meeting held on the 18th of the month, was noticeable chiefly for its brevity, Mr. E. T. Groome presiding over a small attendance. Mr. C. W. Purdy gave committee's report, stating that steady progress was still being made with the buildings. Mr. Mason was appointed to attend a conference at Earl Shilton, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Leicester District Association. Mr. R. Scott gave the report of the Estate Council. One or two questions concluded the business of the meeting.

HUMBERSTONE AND DISTRICT SUPPLY ASSOCIATION LTD.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held on Monday, July 29th, in the Assembly Rooms.

Mr. J. T. Taylor presided over a moderate attendance. The Secretary moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, which showed a slightly increased business over last quarter, and an increased profit of £8 13s. 3½d. Mr. J. S. Wilford seconded, and pointed out the satisfactory nature of the balance sheet and the possibility of future success which could be expected to follow an increased trade. After remarks from other members, the report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The committee's recommendation *re* disposal of profit also met with the approval of the members; it was as follows:—To Share Interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, to reduction of fixed stock at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, to depreciation of stock-in-trade at 1½ per cent., 25 per cent. of surplus to Educational and Social Fund, and a dividend of 1s. 6d. in £ on members' purchases.

The three retiring members of the Committee, Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Purdy, and Mr. C. H. Goodenough, were re-elected without opposition, as also was the retiring Auditor, Mr. A. H. Vass.

The Secretary alluded to the attempt to cater for the meat supply, and asked for the hearty support of the members, which was required to make the venture successful.

CRICKET CLUB.

Owing chiefly to the weather we have been having this summer, we have not much to report this month. We did win two matches at the end of July and have also won one this month when we beat F. J. Palfreyman and Co. by 74 to 29, thus wiping out the ignominious defeat we suffered at their hands on June 1st.

We have only three more games to play (weather and other things permitting), and then our first season is brought to a close.

We must not forget that on Bank Holiday Tuesday we obtained 90 runs for nine wickets before rain stopped the game.

RESULTS.

June 15.	Humb. Adult School	..	37	H.G.S.C.C.	23
" 22.	Quenby	..	71	"	41
" 29.	Quenby	..	83	"	47
July 6.	Tramway Office	..	73	"	26
" 13.	Standard Engineers	..	33	"	22
" 20.	Manor C.C.	..	52	"	81
" 27.	Smith, Faire	..	17	"	24
Aug. 8.	Park Vale Trades	..	53	"	29
" 15.	F. J. Palfreyman & Co.	..	29	"	74

FIXTURES.

Aug. 31.	Curzon Street C.C., home.
Sept. 7.	Victoria Road C.C., home.
" 14.	Borough Asylum, away.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

It is no man's business whether he has genius or not; work he must, whatever he is, but quietly and steadily; and the natural and unforced results of such work will always be the things that God meant him to do, and will be his best.—*Ruskin*.

The excellence of every art is its intensity, capable of making all disagreeables evaporate, from their being in close relationship with beauty and truth.—*Keats*.

Shun idleness. It is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.—*Voltaire*.

There is no substitute for thorough-going, ardent and sincere earnestness.—*Dickens*.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.—*Wendell-Phillips*.

I am of opinion that the most honourable calling is to serve the public; and to be useful to many.—*Montaigne*.

CHURCH OF CHRIST,

GARDEN SUBURB.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1912,

ANNUAL TEA AND SOCIAL MEETING.

TEA ON TABLES AT 5.

Meeting at 6.30, to be addressed by visiting brethren.

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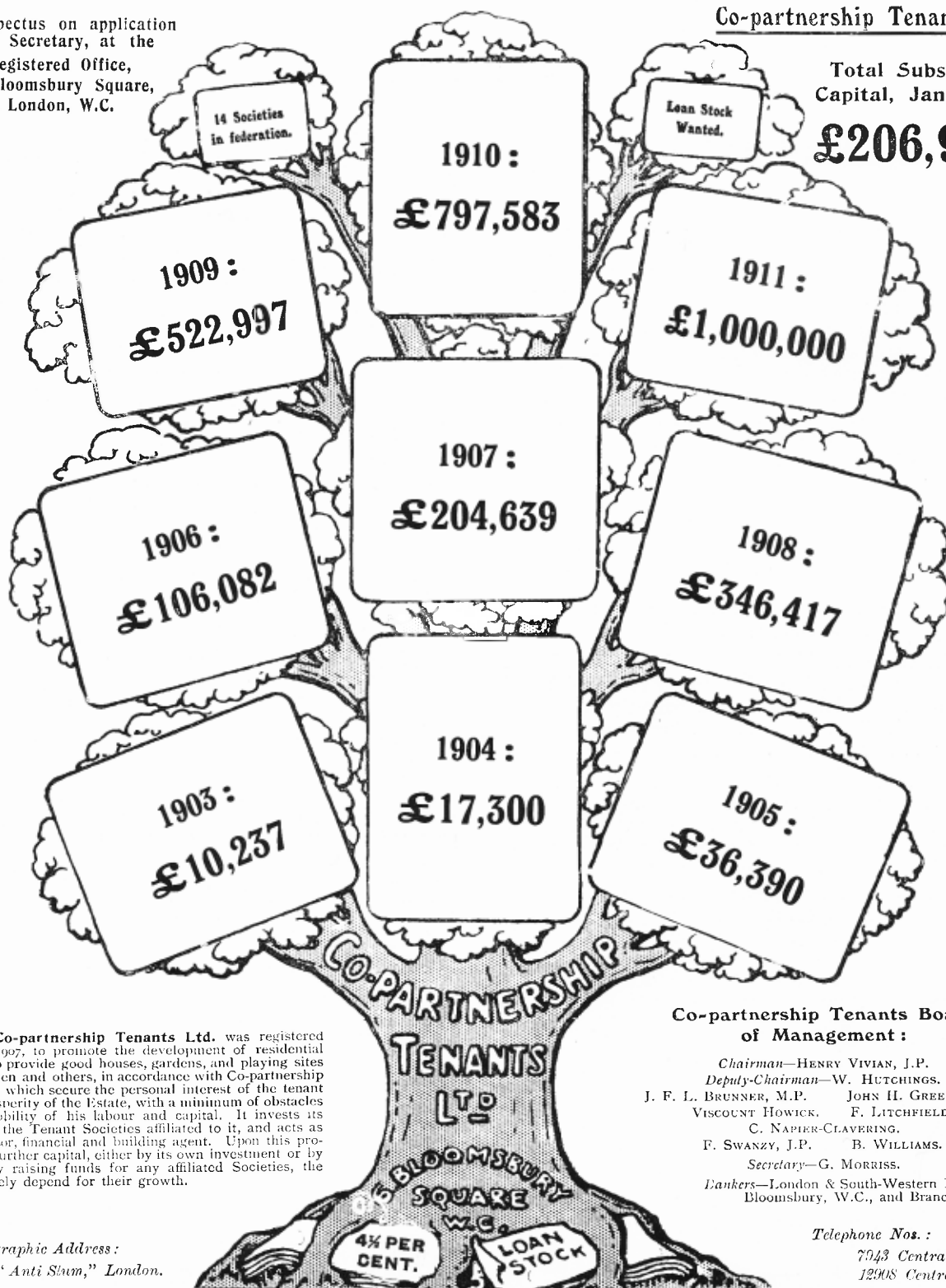
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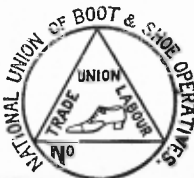
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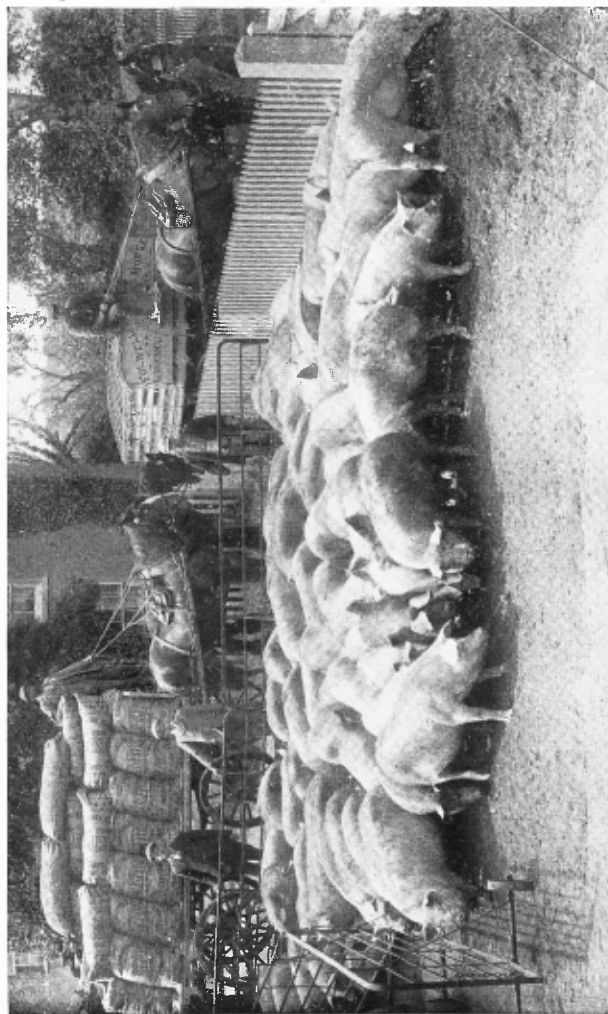
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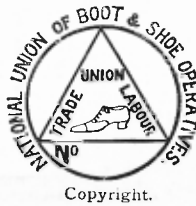
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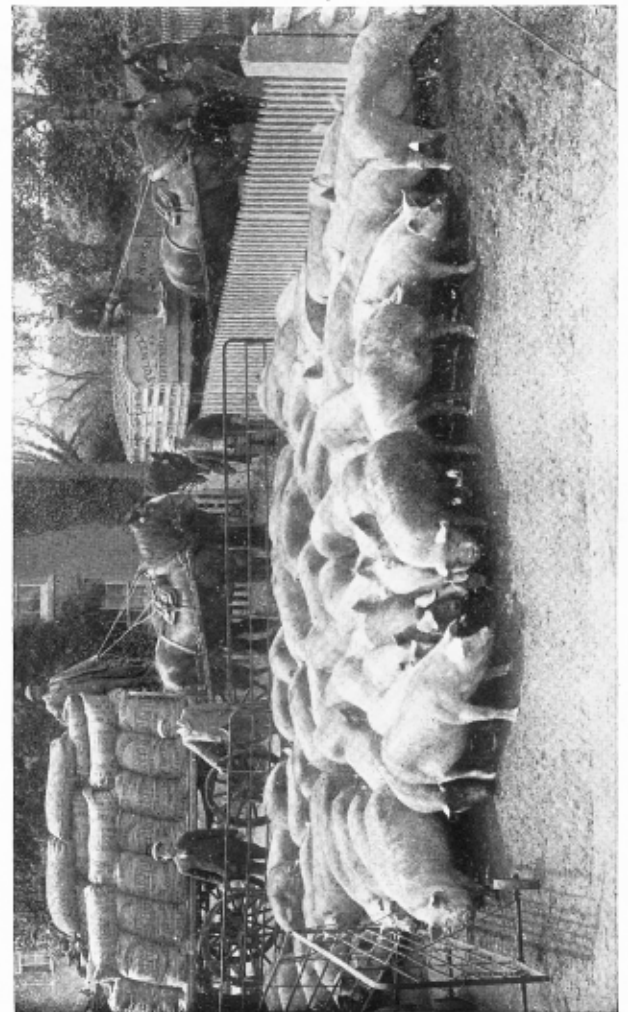
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