

At the outbreak of the Great War, Bleasdale farmers primarily kept beef and dairy cattle as well as sheep. One of their main marketing outlets was the Bleasdale and District Sales organisation, held at the Kenlis Arms Auction Mart, next to Garstang and Catterall Station, conveniently placed for attracting buyers from a wide area and for transporting the animals. Thomas Kelsall of Fairsnape acted as Secretary to the Sales, as later did John Yates of Higher Fairsnape



where Victor Cardigan, one of the area's 10 Government bulls was kept.

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**KENLIS ARMS AUCTION MART, GARSTANG.**  
**BLEASDALE AND DISTRICT SALE.**  
 The next **SPRING SALE** will be held on **THURSDAY NEXT, April 13th**, when about **70 YOUNG WELL-BRED CATTLE**, from the above high district, will be forward for Sale, comprising Calved and Present Calving Cows and Heifers, Laying-off Cows, Gilt Cows and Heifers, Store Bulls, and all classes of Stock, also about 150 Half-bred and Horned Ewes and Lambs, Half-bred and Horned Hogs.  
**JUDGING at 12.30. SALE at ONE O'CLOCK.**  
**THOS. KELSALL, Secretary.**  
**E. G. HOTHERSALL & SONS, LTD., Auctioneers, Auction Mart, Preston.**



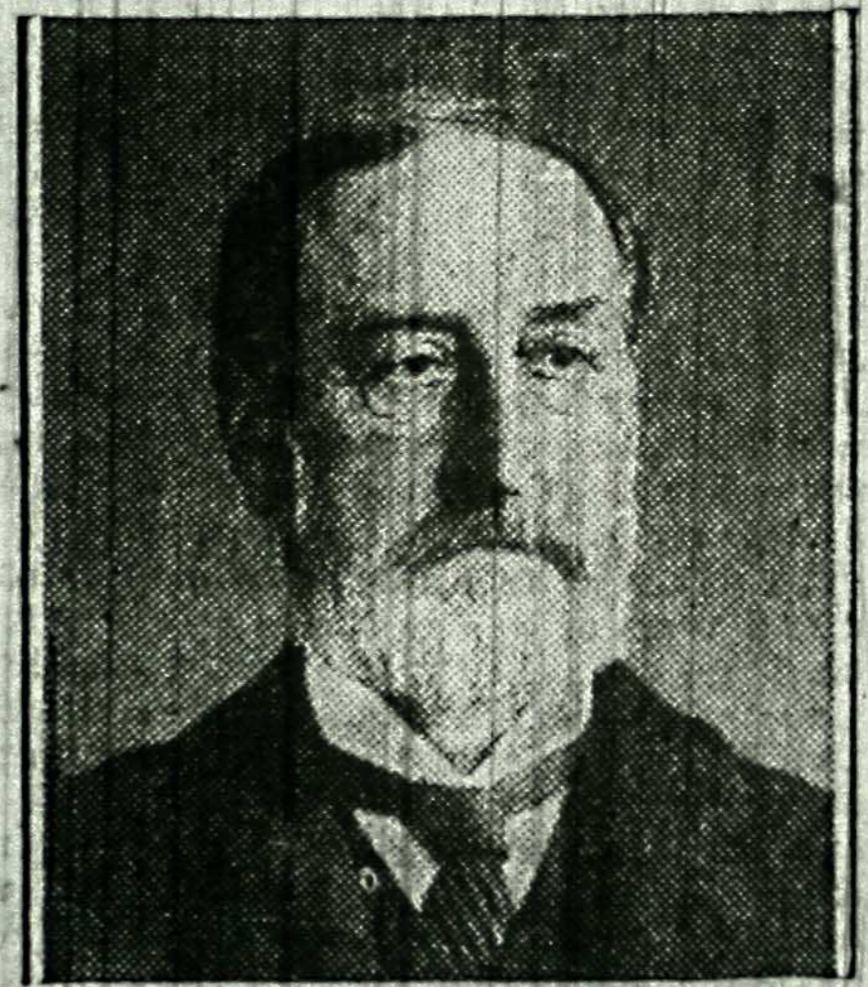
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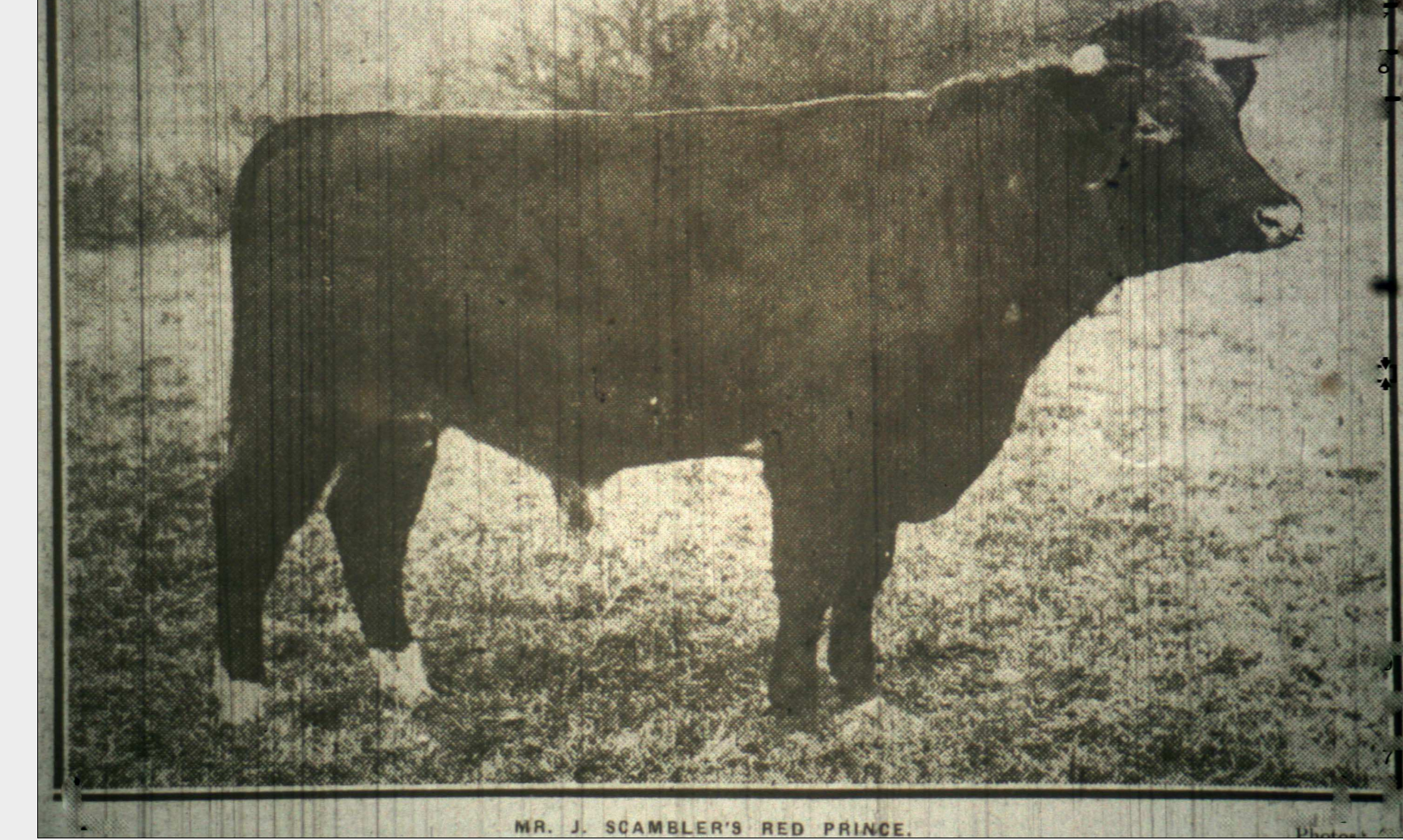
*Preston Guardian 23rd December 1916*  
 A report of the Garstang District Subcommittee of the Lancashire War Agricultural Committee held at the Union Offices on Thursday, Mr. T.A. Crook presiding.

A tractor company offered a demonstration of a tractor. The methods of dealing with the agricultural census returns to suit the military were discussed. In some places the machinery was already in motion. The townships to be dealt with were Bilborrow, Upper Rawcliffe, Gt. Eccleston, Inskip with Sowerby, Cloughton and Bleasdale. The question of using P.O.W.s was discussed as farmers had said they were not able to guard them when working. Often these were civilian prisoners not necessarily German prisoners whose sympathies could well be with England rather than Germany.

**BRITISH EMPIRE ORDER.**  
**MR. FITZHERBERT-BROCKHOLES APPOINTED A COMMANDER.**  
 Mr. W. Fitzherbert-Brockholes, J.P., D.L., C.A., Cloughton Hall, near Garstang, has been appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. He has been chairman of the Lancashire War Agricultural Executive from its



formation, and for many years has occupied a similar position in connection with the Lancashire Farmers' Association, in both of which capacities he has rendered value service in advancing the interests of agriculture. As the representative of the latter body on the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture and on other organisations of national importance he has devoted an immense amount of time and thought to the work, and his services have been appreciated in London as well as in Lancashire, where hundreds of agriculturists will join in extending congratulations upon the bestowal of a honour richly deserved. Mr. Fitzherbert-Brockholes has been prominently identified with the great work of the Agricultural Organisation Society, of which he is deputy-chairman, and he is also a life member of the Royal Agricultural Society.



MR. J. SCAMBLER'S RED PRINCE.

Another bull, Red Prince, was kept by Mr. John Scambler at Oakenhead Farm, Whitechapel. By 1917, the country faced a severe shortage of bread. The County War Agricultural Committee (WarAg) required farmers to plough up a proportion of their pasture for cereals and root crops. The WarAg promoted the use of tractors, a new development, but the heavy tractors were of little use in an upland area like Bleasdale. Horse-drawn implements such as the two-horse Bamlett mowing machine, as advertised in the 1915 Hazelhurst sale, remained the

norm. In order to improve standards in arable farming, the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society organised competitions. In August 1918, William Pye of Oakenclough Farm won first prize for his potato crop and Joseph Gardner of New House Farm

gained second prize for his fields of oats.



Two-horse Bamlett mowing machine at Hazelhurst Farm

Ducks, a good lot. The IMPLEMENTS, &c., include light Spring Lorry, Spring Dogcart; Road or Field Cart, complete; Bamlett's and Deering's Pair-Horse Mowing Machines, Horse Hay Baks, two Sheep Racks, Chain Harrow, Oake Crusher, Hay Chopper, Tools, and Sundry Items too numerous to detail. Write for Catalogue.

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*Preston Guardian 17th August 1918*  
**FARM CROPS**  
**SUCCESSES IN COUNTY COMPETITION**  
**JUDGE'S AWARDS FOR GARSTANG (EAST)**

The first results to come to hand in connection with inspections of crops under the scheme jointly promoted by the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society and the District War Agricultural Executive refer to the Garstang (East) District.

For competition purposes the Garstang War Agricultural District was divided into two areas viz. east and west of the London and North Western main line, the former of course embracing the high lying country around Barnacre, Nether Wyresdale and Bleasdale.

The 1st prize, (for oats) consisting of 7 £1 War Savings Certificates was awarded to Mr. James Gabbott of Taylor's Farm, Nether Wyresdale, 2nd prize (4 £1 War Savings certificates) to Mr. Joseph Gardner of New House Farm, Bleasdale for a very good crop and standing

well and 3rd prize of 2 War Savings Certificates to Mr. G. Bamber of Longfield House, Cloughton.

The judges also highly commended 13 others including Edward Daniel, Brook(s) Barn Farm, Bleasdale and Mr. William Pye, Oakenclough Farm.

The potato crop entries (one acre or over) for the district were also judged by Mr. Crook on the same occasion and his awards were as follows:

1st prize (7 £1 War Savings Certificates) was awarded to Mr. William Pye of Oakenclough Farm. This the judge described as being without exception the best potato crop he had seen this season in any district. It comprised 2 or 3 varieties, Great Scot preponderating. Second prize was awarded to Mr. Thomas Banks of Cloughton-on-Brock and third prize to Mr. John Gornall of Cloughton House.

In addition to the War Savings Certificates, each prize winner will receive from the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society its special War Diploma.

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