

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (February, 25th) sold 47 registered Cheviot females at its inaugural show and sale.

The adverse weather conditions seriously affected the hill sheep entry and intending purchasers, but a very satisfactory trade was realised for the brave souls that made the sale.

The Main Register judge, Mr R. Sutherland, Hilliclay, Caithness, awarded his champion to the first prize ewe lamb, sired by Bardnaclavan Baron, from James Mackay, Biggins, Wick, realising £300 to the judge, and the reserve award to the second prize ewe lamb, sired by Smiddyquoy Highlander, from Messrs J & J Farquhar, Smiddyquoy, Watten, realising £330 to Mr H Sutherland, Drummuie, Golspie.

Hill Register judge Mr R. J. Lund, East Clough Farm, Cumbria, awarded his champion to the first prize in lamb ewe, a 5 year old Langdale Typhoon daughter carrying twins to Balnakeil Boomerang from Badanloch Estate Limited, Kinbrace, realising £580 to the judge, with the reserve award going to the first prize gimmer, another Langdale Typhoon daughter carrying twins to North House Nailer, also from Badanloch Estate Limited, which realised £600 also to the judge.

Averages:

Main register - seventeen ewe lambs, £177.06; eight gimmers, £266.25; ten ewes, £180.

Hill register - four gimmers, £295; eight ewes, £367.50.

Other leading prices:

Main register - ewe lambs - Dispersal from the Field of Noss flock, Wick, £260, £240; Smiddyquoy, £220. **In lamb gimmers** - 25 Habost, Ness, Isle of Lewis, £350; Biggins, £350 (twice); 25 Habost, £300. **In lamb ewes** - Field of Noss, £300; Muirton, Munloch, £200; Field of Noss, £150 (thrice).

Hill register - in lamb gimmers - Heathmount, Tain, £200; Suisgill Estate, Helmsdale, £200; Heathmount, £180. **In lamb ewes** - Heathmount, £600, £550; Suisgill Shepherds Pack, Helmsdale, £380; Suisgill Estate, £220; Torrish Estate, £210.