

The annual Solway and Tyne Female sale was held on Friday 14th December at Carlisle Mart by Harioson & Hetherington Ltd. With numbers well up on last year and the added addition of the dispersal of the club president, Stevie Harrison's, Tinwald Flock, there was a good crowd to view what was on offer. With the exception of the quality sheep in the dispersal, there was little to set the sale ring alight and it was judge Ian Murray's pre-sale show champion, which attracted a good deal of the attention on the day. "She had a really good carcass with a good skin and outlook." Said Ian. Topping the sale at 2,000 gns, this gimmer from Cammie Gauld, Cairn Farm, Auchterarder was a class act and was a first time champion at the sale for the 30 ewe strong Carnam flock . She had never previously been shown. Sold carrying a single to Garngour Alladin, she is by Clinterty You Cracker, out of an Ettrick ewe by Ettrick Sir Allan and he went to Graham Cakebread, Hawick. The reserve champion from Robbie Wilson's Milnbank flock sold to Messrs Fletcher and Coats, Ireshopeburn, Co. Durham for 1000gns. A gimmer by Aman Vyrnwy Dya and out of one of the best Strathbogie Untouchable ewes in the flock, she sold in lamb to Greenstar Alfie.

Another Milnbank gimmer, this time in lamb to Auldhouseburn Billy The Kid, took the second top price at 1,400gns when she sold to local breeder Mike Reid from Plumbland Aspatria. Her dam was an ET sister to the 11,000gns Milnbank Vantastic. From the same pen, a Strathbogie Yes Sir gimmer also made 1,200gns to Messrs Frankland, Rathmell, Settle. She was out of an ET sister to the 40,000gns Milnbank Ur The Boy and also sold in lamb to Greenstar Alfie.

Robin and grandson Finlay Bell's Teviot flock sold a Tima Yogi Bear gimmer with an index of 367 to Messrs Fletcher and Coates and in lamb to Tima Anchor Man for 1150gns.

Topping the ewe lamb section was the first in the ring, having come all the way from Wales and taken second prize in the show earlier. From M Evans, Rhaeadr flock from Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh she is by Rhaeadr Ace, the maternal brother to the 125,000gns Rhaeadr Best of the Best and goes back to Baltier breed lines on her maternal side. She went to Mark Oare, Brynford Holywell, Wales for 1,300gns.-

The pick of the Tinwald flock was a one crop ewe by Crailloch Teagle Mae out of a Collielaw Tudor Dam. She sold for 1800gns, in lamb to Teilo Berwyn to Robert Laird, Cambwell and Messrs Jones, Skirling Biggar. Messrs Tim, Appleton Roebuck, N Yorks paid 950gns for another the same way bred and again in lamb to the Teilo ram. Two of the dispersal made 900gns, with the first by Lavenham Warlock and again with the same dam line also in lamb to Teilo Berwyn, which sold to Janice MacTaggart's Nethertown Flock, the second joined the earlier purchase by Messrs Tim. This time it was the top price ewe lamb in the dispersal, by Hartside Victor and out of a ewe by Crailloch Teagle Mae.

Averages

Ewes (4)	£294.00
Gimmers (59)	£513.25
Ewe Lambs (7)	£510.00
Recipients (2)	£315.00

DISPERSAL (57 Overall) £388.86

Ewes and Gimmers (36) £456.16

Ewe Lambs (20) £250.43