

## SPECIMEN RETURN FOR DAIRY-FARMERS.

With the foregoing preliminary remarks I propose to take a case representative of one branch of farming and illustrate how the income-tax form required should be filled in, as follows:—

John Robinson, of Levin, is a dairy-farmer and owns 100 acres of freehold land the capital value of which is £6,000, made up of unimproved £4,000, and improvements £2,000. These figures are assumed to be according to the county valuation roll. On the farm there is a mortgage of £3,000 at 5½ per cent. interest.

During the year ended 30th June, 1918, he has sold—

	£	s.	d.
Dairy-produce for .. .. .	962	0	0
40 cattle for .. .. .	140	10	0
Horse for .. .. .	10	0	0
Pigs for .. .. .	60	0	0
Hides and skins for .. .. .	5	0	0
Roots for .. .. .	20	0	0

The value of meat and other produce consumed for private and domestic purposes during the year was £50.

Live-stock and produce on hand at the end of the year (30th June, 1918) was—

	£	s.	d.
74 cattle at £8 .. .. .	592	0	0
5 horses at £15 .. .. .	75	0	0
Pigs .. .. .	20	0	0
Chaff .. .. .	60	0	0

Live-stock and produce on hand at the beginning of the year (1st July, 1917) was—

	£	s.	d.
75 cattle at £8 .. .. .	600	0	0
5 horses at £15 .. .. .	75	0	0
Pigs .. .. .	20	0	0
Chaff .. .. .	42	0	0

Purchases of live-stock for the year were—

Cattle, 1 at .. .. .	40	0	0
Horse, 1 at .. .. .	30	0	0
Boar, 1 at .. .. .	5	0	0

Other expenses during the year were—

Local rates .. .. .	60	0	0
Insurance .. .. .	10	0	0
Interest on mortgage .. .. .	165	0	0
Seeds bought .. .. .	10	0	0
Foodstuffs bought for stock .. .. .	15	0	0
Wages paid for labour .. .. .	150	0	0
Rations bought for employees .. .. .	50	0	0
Repairs and maintenance, and depreciation on buildings .. .. .	65	0	0
Freight and cartage .. .. .	5	0	0
Manures, sacks, cases, &c. .. .. .	37	0	0
Chaff-cutting .. .. .	5	0	0
Petty expenses .. .. .	10	10	0

These details are now entered on the tax-return form as shown in the accompanying facsimile.