

# Manx Notes 684 (2024)

## “HOLLANTIDE FAIR” (1856)

The Douglas annual fair was held in a field adjoining this town on Wednesday last. The day being fine and the ground dry, there was a large assembly. The show of cattle was considerable, and milk cows of a good description were in demand, at high prices, as were also beeves; lean cattle were not much in demand. The show of horses were rather meagre, and prices for anything good, ruled high. The principal business appeared. to be going on in the refreshment tents, of which there appeared an unusually large number, and at the sweetmeat stands. In the town there was necessarily a tolerable business going on during the day, between the shop-keepers and their country friends. The Ramsey steamer, *Manx Fairy*, arrived here in the forenoon, with between three and four hundred passengers for the fair, from the northern parishes, who were favoured with a delightful day and passage, and no doubt fully enjoyed themselves; they returned in high spirits at 9 o'clock at night.

“[Local News] Hollantide Fair.” *Manx Sun* 15 November 1856: 4d.

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