

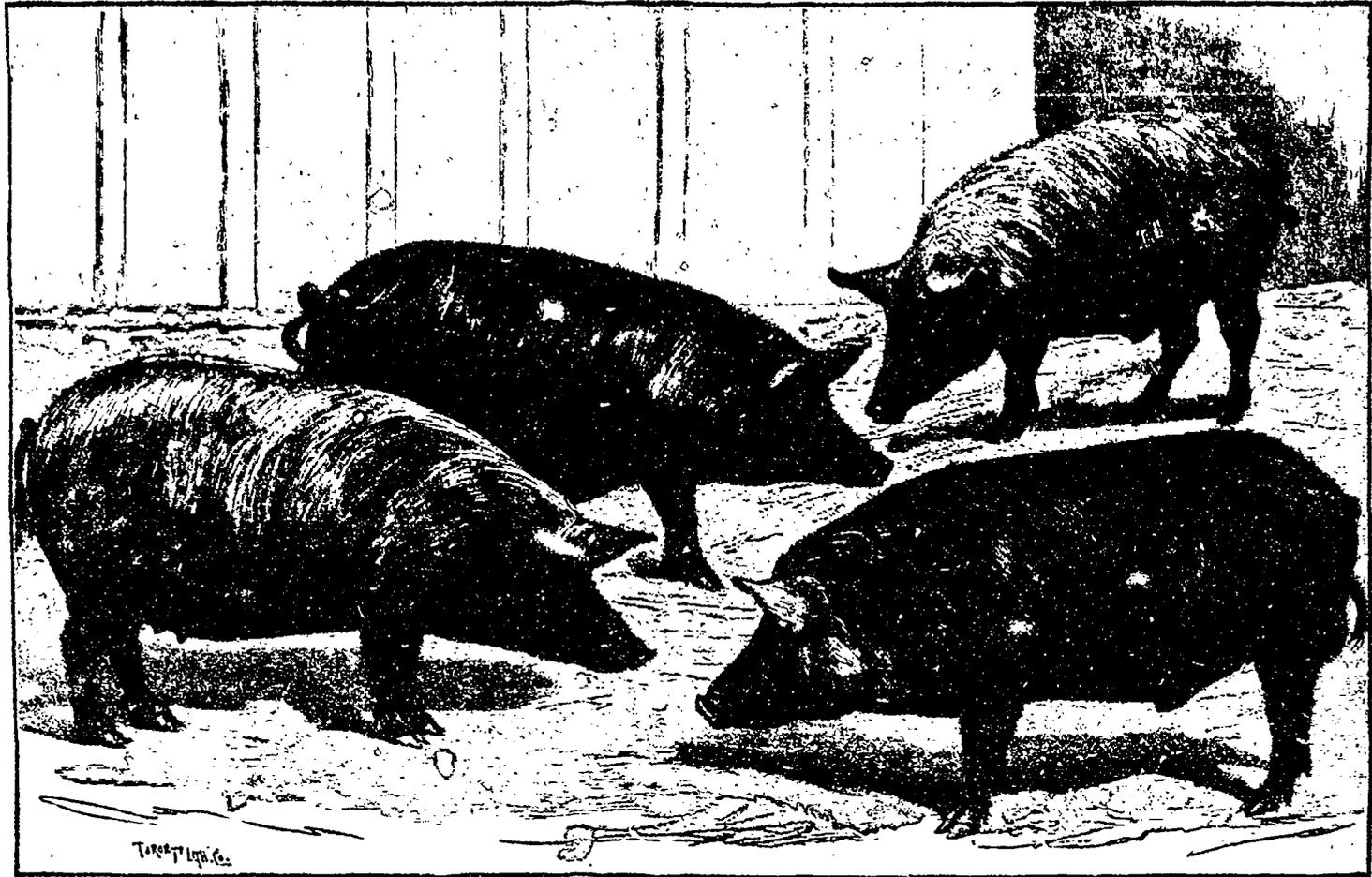
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Group of Tamworth Pigs,

The property of Mr. John Bell, L'Amaroux, Ontario.

Our Illustration.

The frontispiece this month represents in a realistic manner, a group of Tamworth pigs, the property of Mr. John Bell, of L'Amaroux, Ont. The boar, Norman's Pride, farrowed Jan 7th '83, was imported last August and was sired by, Newcastle Hero 889, Jan. Newcastle Heroine 1528. This boar shows the characteristic merits of the Tamworths, being deep sided and long bodied without any of the frame coarseness or looseness that is usually associated with these qualities in other pigs. The head and jaw is light, the bone strong, while in every part there is a solidity of make that is surprising and gives wonderful results on the scales. He is covered with a luxuriant growth of nut brown hair. Being active and vigorous his use has proven him to be a superior sire, of which we had evidence in the excellent litter of eight a few weeks old at the time of our visit. The largest sow in the group, Sally Ann, was imported at the same time as Norman Prince, and these two formed an excellent

foundation for the present herd. This sow is of remarkable length and wonderful depth. She has turned out to be an exceedingly valuable brood sow, being prolific and vigorous. She is well covered with hair, fine in the head, and strong, though not by any means coarse, in frame. The other sow, L'Amaroux Beauty, was imported in Sally Ann. She is eleven months old, and was attending to her first litter of eight lusty and shapely youngsters. She is a typical Tamworth in every way, and will, undoubtedly develop into as worthy a brood sow as her dam. In a pen we were shown a pair of pure bred Tamworths that had been castrated to indicate what the Tamworths could do in the way of pork making. They were only about four and a half months old and, as far as we could tell by the eye, they would tip the beam, both of them, between 150 or 175 lbs. They were long to the body with great depth, and their compactness and evenness were extraordinary. One of this pair appears in the illustration.

Mr. Bell keeps his herd in strong, growing, and

healthy condition. All the pigs, with the exception of the sow with the litter and the two that were being fattened, were out on a rough pasture. A very interesting and striking object lesson was shown us.

There are two Berkshires, says Mr. Bell, "that are eligible for registration, and there are two pure bred Tamworths; the Berkshires have the advantage of a couple of weeks in age. They have been fed the same food and allowed to run together since the day they were weaned, and besides, the Berkshires have always been, and are yet, the bosses." The difference was surprising. The Berks were plump in the ham, broad backed, in fact typical Berkshires, while the Tamworths were very lengthy and wide in the sides and would weigh considerably more than the Berks. "That shows clearly that the Tamworths are easy keepers," said our companion. If they beat the Berks in that direction, they are certainly the coming pig. Time will demonstrate if this be so.

The Clydesdales of his farm are reviewed on an inner page.