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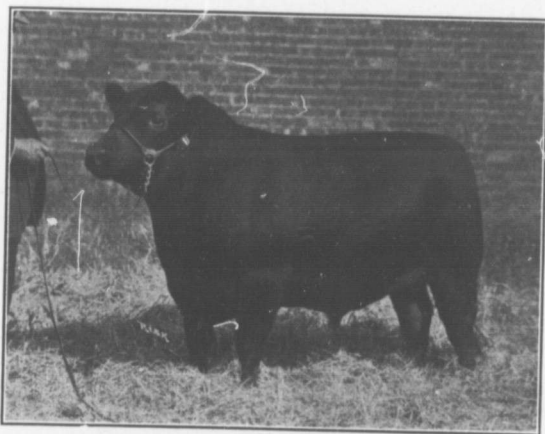
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The Aberdeen Angus as a Breed

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HORNLESS cattle existed in the earliest age to which we can trace the bovine form. Fossil and semi-fossil remains found in Scotland establish the fact of the pre-historic existence of wild polled cattle in those very districts occupied by the known ancestors of the present Aberdeen-

As can be seen, therefore, the Aberdeen-Angus breed is one of the oldest established breeds of beef cattle. They are black in color and natives of the counties of Aberdeen, Kincardine and Forfarshire in Scotland, where church and state did much to encourage the improvement of the stock by virtue of



Epistos—Grand Champion Bull at International Exposition, 1916.

Angus breed. There is documentary evidence to show that in 1523 the black *homyl cattle occurred in Aberdeenshire, but the first specific mention of polled animals of the breed is that of the prize-winning "black polled" exhibited in 1811 from a well-known Aberdeenshire source, the influence of which is still felt on the breed.

establishing the many Scottish fairs. With the great increase in the demand for beef, as a result of the Queen Ann wars (1604-1714), cattle breeding in Scotland received a great impetus. Englishmen found that their choicest meats came from the Scottish side of the border and it was while this *"polled".