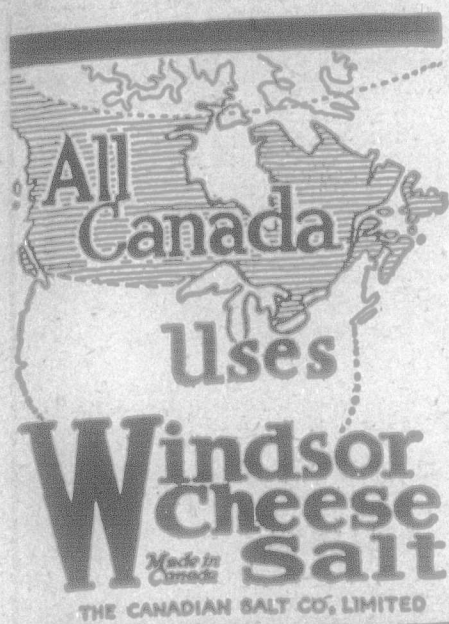




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EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

Wonders still go on happening in British (or should I not say English?) pedigreed stock breeding. The latest breeds to fall victims to records—world's records in some cases—are three breeds which belong to East Anglia—to wit, the Suffolk horse, the Red Polled cattle, and the Large Black pig, a variety of porcine aboriginal to Cornwall and the West of England, but developed to considerable proportions in the East of England. The occasion for this latest burst of records in England was the dispersal of Kenneth M. Clark's Sudbourne, Suffolk, studs and herds. Since 1904, at Sudbourne, he has raised the best and his Suffolk stud was the last word in what an accumulation of peerless, almost priceless, prize-winning coterie of pedigreed stock should be. All told 700 prizes and honors have been won by the stud and the Red Polls have swept the decks at London Dairy Show, one cow, Minnie, being the first Red Poll to make the highest points in the milking trials at the London Exhibition. That year she beat all breeds and she gave 15,046½ pounds of milk in her lactation. Her two days' yields in London, however, were: mornings, 72 lbs. 6 oz.; evenings, 64 lbs. 6 oz. Minnie as now could only command 40 guineas, but her bull calf, by credit, realized 215 guineas and he was only three months old. The top price in this sale was 430 guineas paid by A. F. Bowen for Adela, calved 1913, and by Acton Crowfoot. Adela has given nearly 12,000 pounds of milk in a year. Bowen bought three of Acton Crowfoot's cows and they cost him nearly £1,000 for the deal. A young bull also by credit made 280 guineas. Sir Merrik Burrell paid 265 guineas for the young cow Minerva, which gave 8,000 lbs. of milk with her first calf. The 120 head of Red Polls "pulled" 11,210 guineas for the lucky owner, or an average of £117 12s. 3d. each for the females, and £103 9s. 9d. for the males.

Genuine world's records were here established for pigs, i. e., of the Large Black breed. There were sold at Clark's home, 144 lots of pigs—big and little—for an average of £42 15s. each. Let it be said in parenthesis that 55 animals above six months old averaged £73 15s. apiece, and that the top price was 455 guineas paid by Woodcock, of Horsforth, Leeds, for the sow Sudbourne Senora 1st., farrowed January 1, 1916. Her dam made 300 guineas and she is just two years older than her world's record breaking daughter. The best boar, Sudbourne Laird, farrowed January 2, 1916, went for 315 guineas to Woodcock, who for a sow and boar thus paid £808 10s. The stock in the sale which descended from the old sow Sadie made remarkable figures, some 41 head of Sadie Second's offspring realizing £3,125 6s. 6d., or £76 4s. 6d. apiece. One buyer, to wit, Oscar Grey, was lucky enough to "corner" nearly all these Sadies, whose aboriginal ancestress was a black sow which K. M. Clark bought cheaply from a tenant farmer on his estate some fifteen years ago.

But the real fun came when the Suffolk Punches were sold. There never were so many people seen at a horse sale in England since Lord Rothschild's memorable sale at Tring. Alfred T. Preston, of Ipswich, the official auctioneer of the Suffolk Horse Society, wielded the hammer and did it to some tune too. The 98 horses he sold all told aggregated £33,180, or an average of £338 12s. apiece. Top prices of the day were 2,000 guineas given for the three-year-old filly, Sudbourne Moonlight, a daughter of Sudbourne Peter, and 2,000 guineas paid for the stallion Sudbourne Beau Brocade, foaled in 1913, and sired by Sudbourne Beau Monde, out of Sudbourne Tilly, which was by Sudbourne Arabi, the son of Arabelle. Both these animals were bought by J. Watson, a director of the new Olympia Pure Stock Farm's Company, Selby, Yorkshire. These people are an enterprising lot and are carrying on pedigreed stock breeding on commercial lines—as a business company and an innovation in staid old England. Mr. Watson gave 1,000 guineas for the three-year-old filly, Sudbourne Armada, also by Sudbourne Peter, but out of the great mare Arabelle herself. Among brood mares Watson paid 750 guineas for Model (by Arabi); 600 guineas for Bloom (by

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