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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Bacon-hogs.—A pretty puzzling thing it seems to be, to get the right fort of hog for converting into bacon, and, having got him, how to feed him, for how long a time, and to what weight, seem to be only adding difficulty to difficulty.

We gave in our last the opinion of one of the large packing farms on the "b'ock-test" at the London, Ont., fat-stock show; now, we may note what Mr. J. B Reynolds, one of the professors at Guelph, says on the same subject.

Many of the hogs seem to have been fed too long: many were of the wrong type. Mr. Andrew Elliott, of Galt, showed two Tamworths of the same litter, both had been fed exactly in the same way, yet, one was fat and chubby, the other a typical bacon-hog! How on earth is the farmer to manage? Must he f ed the chubby one for barrel pork, and the other for bacon?

Another man, Mr. Brethour, of Barford, had just over-kept a hog, that a fortnight before the show was the best he had, but from that time lost quality from over maturing. It was good meat, but not exactly what the bacon-curers want.

Of breeds. —There were good bacon-hogs shown of all breeds, and, equally of all breeds, there were some inferior. The Essex pigs, that in the editor's time were emphatically roasters, are now, it seems converted into long, light hogs, well suited to the bacon-trade.

Test of sheep-carcases.—Reports of the breeds of sheep.