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## GROUP OF IMPROVED LARGE YORKSHIRES.

Imported and owned by The Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

### Our Illustration.

The above sketch is a most life-like one of a group of Improved Large Yorkshire pigs recently imported by the Experimental Farm, Guelph. It comprises three of a lot of five which arrived at the above institution about the 1st of June. They are now about nine or ten months old, and have not been injured by forcing with overmuch feed. Two of them were bred by George Charmock, Tello Lane, England, and three by Joseph Ashworth, The Rookery, Sheffield. As will be noticed in the sketch, they represent distinct lines of breeding, for with pigs there are families of our breed with characteristics quite as distinctive as we find in the different families of cattle of a particular breed. Some are characterized by rather more length of body than the others, and possess hair finer and less in quantity. These sows are all in farrow to sires of rare merit. It is expected therefore that the Experimental Farm will have a very large lot of pigs for sale next autumn, both of the Improved Large Yorkshire and Berkshire breeds. These, we

are informed, will be sold either by private sale or by auction, when the autumn sale comes off.

The Improved Large Yorkshires are very popular at the present time with the packers, as they furnish a large amount of bacon well intermixed with fat and lean. They possess long bodies, shoulders a little light, and hams long, broad, and deep, with backs level or slightly arched, and sides long and level. In bone they are medium, rather strong than fine, and they possess wonderful powers of development. No difficulty whatever need be experienced in getting them ready for market at from six to seven months, when they should weigh from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds with a generous but not necessarily a forcing ration.

The Improved Large Yorkshires, or Large Whites as they are called in England, are one of the most popular breeds in the country at the present time, and judging by present indications they bid fair to occupy that position in Canada, owing to their adaptability to the wants of the packers, as guided by the tastes of the consumers.

### "Holywell Windsor."

Through the courtesy of the *English Live Stock Journal*, we are enabled to present to our readers a portrait of another Improved Yorkshire, namely "Holywell Windsor." This fine boar, one of the very finest specimens of the breed ever produced, was bred and is owned by Mr. Sanders Spencer, of St. Ives, Hunts, England. Mr. Spencer is one of the most successful hog-breeders in England, and is no less able by his pen to convey the stores of his information to his fellowmen, than he is to direct the affairs of his large stock-breeding establishment. Perhaps more than any other person has he been instrumental in popularising the "Improved Whites," and getting their merits recognized by breeders generally, as they have long been by pork-packers and curers. Mr. Spencer writes us that since January 1st he has sold 235 boars and yelts, sending them to 13 foreign countries. The portrait of "Holywell Windsor" was taken when he was only 16 months old. Since that time he has improved immensely, and is now 3 feet 3 inches high and stands only 9 inches from the ground, while his weight is nearly half a ton.