

### Our Yorkshire and Tamworth Illustrations.

The illustrations of the Yorkshire and Tamworth pig, given in this number, will give our readers a very good idea of the form and points of these pigs. All three are produced from drawings made from English prize-winning animals, and accepted as lifelike by leading English authorities. All interested in hog raising should carefully read Mr. Benjafield's article on Berkshires in last issue, also the article on Tamworths in last and present numbers. It is quite evident from these that the question as to the superiority of one of these breeds over another is unsettled even in England. What pork packers require is a pig with a long, deep side, good ham, and smooth shoulder, with an abundance of lean meat of good quality throughout the entire carcass. Such hogs our farmers will find most profitable.

### Berkshires and Yorkshires.

Regarding Mr. Snell's assertion that "in his search for high-class Berkshires in England last year he had to compete with buyers from nearly all, if not quite all, the countries of Europe named, etc." I do not for one moment doubt that Mr. Snell believed what he wrote. But, what does it prove if true? The questions are: Are the Improved Yorkshires taking the place of Berkshires abroad? Second, Are the Improved Yorkshires now being more largely shipped to foreign countries than are Berkshires? Third, Are the Improved Yorkshires more suitable for bacon curing purposes? Fourth, Are the Improved Yorkshires a success in Canada, and have they come to stay?

At the risk of offending Mr. Snell, I venture to mention my own herd since I know more of it, and because more pigs are exported from it than from all the English herds, including Berkshires.

To question one I reply: Certainly, since January 1st, I have sold Improved Yorkshires to thirteen foreign countries, viz., Canada, the States, Buenos Ayres, the Cape, Russia, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and France, and to some of these countries as many as thirty-five boars. In many

cases these pigs have gone where Berkshires have proved useless. Now, does Mr. Snell for one moment believe that one-tenth as many Berkshires have been sold for exportation to Denmark, a country where utility, not fancy points, are valued? Or, will he argue that Berkshires have been sent to the other countries, but no notice

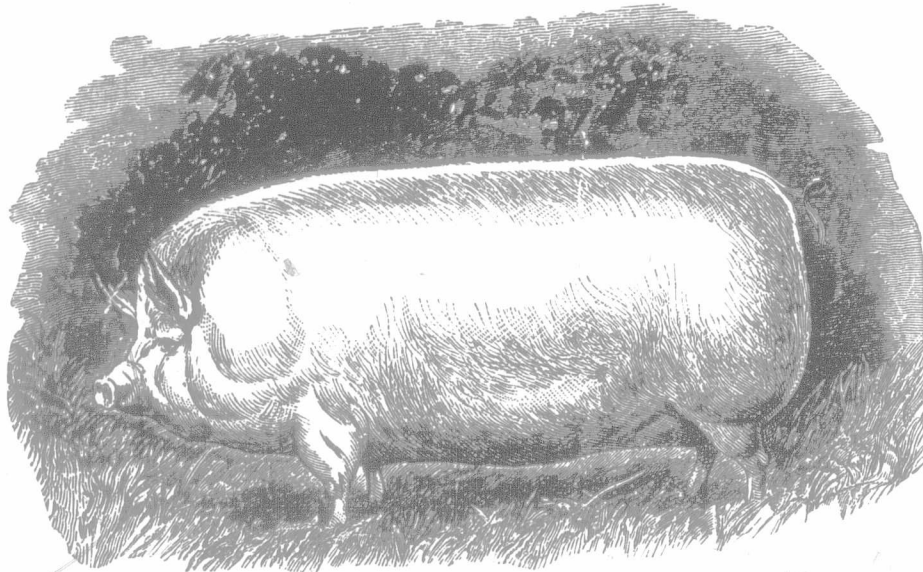
Whether or not the Improved Yorkshire has come to stay in Canada will much depend on the importers and breeders of this variety in the Dominion. I am led to make this remark from the perusal of a paragraph in Mr. Francis Green's letter in your May issue. When writing of the Large White class of pigs at the English

Royal Show, he states: "As a matter of fact, the Improved Large Yorkshires are almost invariably the sole contestants in that class. I hope he is not correct, nor do I think he is; indeed, the very opposite is the fact. As a proof of what I write I need only quote the prices made at a recent sale conducted for one of our most popular noblemen by our first auctioneer, and after a grand spread. The pigs were sent into the ring in good form, and were bred from two herds, one of which has won many Royal prizes in the classes for Large Whites, and the other, which is advertised as "all pigs descended from Royal

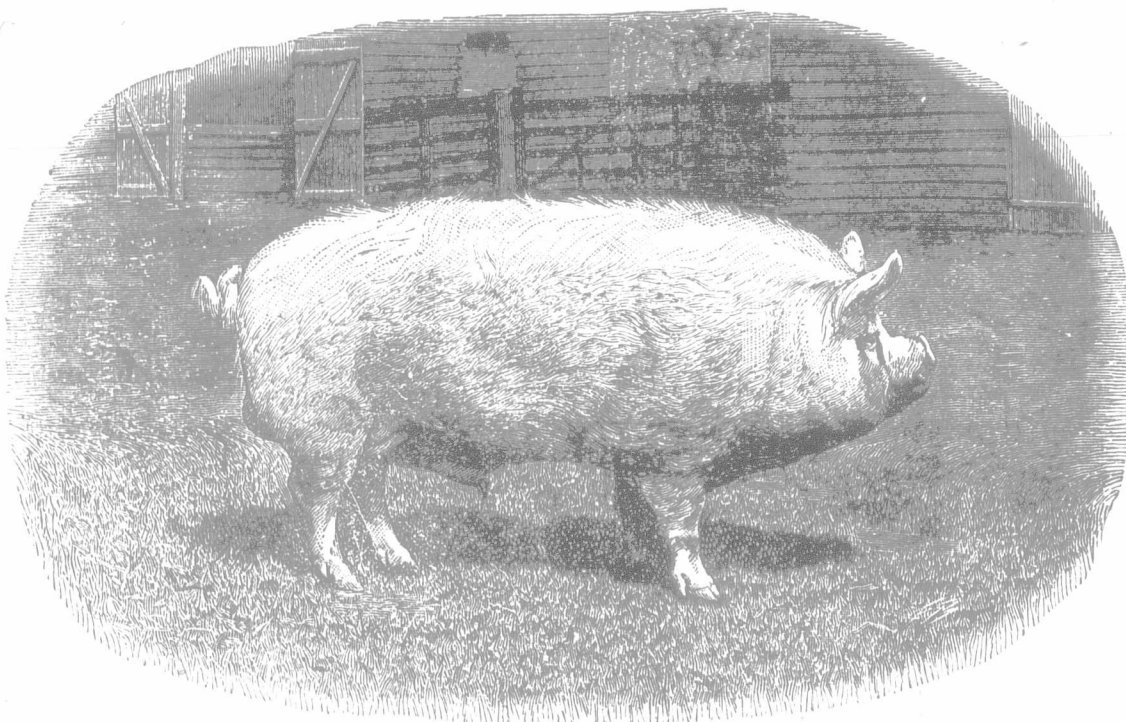
winners and eligible for entry in herd book." What more could be wanted if Mr. Green's contention be correct? The result was a total of £105 12s. 6d. for twenty-nine lots of Large Whites. Prices made were from 10s. for five months' old pigs upwards. Seven boars and sows nearly a year old made £19 19s. 6d., or an average of less than £3 each; then seven boars and gets, about five months old, made the enormous sum of £9 15s., or about £1 8s. each. Reputed winning, or being exhibited at Royal shows, or even entry in the herd book, proves nothing, and if your pig breeders buy on that ground alone they are doomed to disappointment. Fancy twenty-nine pigs highly descended and all the rest of it, being sold for far less than I made by private sale this spring of

two young pigs of the real Improved Yorkshire White breed. My sales for 1890 already total 256 boars and gets. SANDERS SPENCER.

Four of a flock of sixteen turkeys were of a white strain, the rest dark. Dogs killed three of the light-colored birds and but a single one of the dark ones. I will hereafter keep only dark birds. The dogs cannot follow them so well as the others. Near many towns dogs are nearly as bad at destroying poultry as sheep. The cubs ought to go.



IMPROVED LARGE YORKSHIRE SOW SMITHFIELD QUEEN 182, AN ENGLISH PRIZE WINNER.



IMPROVED LARGE YORKSHIRE BOAR HOLYWELL WINDSOR, WINNER OF NUMEROUS FIRST PRIZES AT LEADING BRITISH SHOWS.

curing purposes and consequently for general consumption than the present type of Berkshires, I can only say that I have yet to meet, or to correspond, with a bacon curer who for one moment doubts it. I have sent pigs, seen and corresponded with most of the large curers in Europe, and we have Mr. Davies' word for it in Canada, and everyone declares that the present style of Berkshire pig is worse than useless for their trade.