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Canadian-Bred Yorkshires Specialty at Kelmscott

Eldon Stonehouse

in the Toronto Globe & Mail

Long-nosed English Yorkshire pigs, many of them immigrants to Canada, sniffed the air in anticipation of a move outside at Kelmscott Farms near here today and looked forward to a future of rooting contentedly in the pasture provided by owner E. L. (Jim) Taylor.

Altogether there are some 250 swine on the Kelmscott farm, and all but the younger animals were, like Mr. Taylor, born in England. They're long, level-backed animals, with long snouts suited to outdoor feeding and, although they come from several family lines, they look as much alike as peas in a pod.

Mr. Taylor has bred his pigs for conformation and every boar, gilt and sow has the long body, long head and level back of the English Large White Yorkshire. If it were not for the tattoo numbers on their ears even Ken Capindale, the Yorkshire-born herdsman, would have trouble telling them apart.

All of them are heavy-boned, with legs well set apart and backs long and level. In addition, no animal, male or female, is kept for breeding stock unless it shows a guarantee of passing along feeding facilities for litters of at least 12. Most of the Kelmscott sows are equipped for 14 piglets at least, and some can take care of 16.

Jim Taylor, who has been fooling around with English Yorkshire pigs since 1923, came to Canada in 1948. The next year he bought the farm near Milton and brought out seven gilts and three boars from England. Since then he has been bringing out both pigs and helpers. Mr. Capindale came to Canada last year to become herdsman at Kelmscott.

When the Milton farm was bought it was equipped for dairy farming, but Mr. Taylor has sold most of his Guernsey cows, keeping only enough to supply the farm with milk. He has transformed an upper floor of the barn into a temporary farrowing pen, and lower floor into pig pens.

Now he is working on outdoor pens for his pigs since pasture and outdoor life are both conducive to health and rapid growth. He is also working on plans for a new farrowing building, where piglets will be born and bask in infra-red rays until they are about 14 days old. At 14 to 16 weeks they will move outdoors to join their blue-blooded elders.

At the moment Jim Taylor is somewhat concerned about his facilities. He isn't satisfied with his upstairs farrowing pens or his lower floor pig quarters, even though a fan arrangement changes the air every 10 minutes.

Pigs may be pigs, but where Jim Taylor is concerned the Yorkshire is an aristocrat and deserving of the best. The farrowing pen will even include a laboratory for, while most farmers enjoy sending pigs to market, Jim Taylor doesn't. Only his culls go to the stockyards, and he hates to see a pig born on

his farm that has to be rated as meat only.

His Yorkshires offer some of the biggest hams to be seen anywhere, but the shape and length of their heads is rated highly important by pig specialist Taylor. The Canadian Yorkshire has a tendency toward a turned up, short snout. This, says Jim Taylor, isn't good. The pig will suffocate if it attempts to feed itself. For that reason the English Yorkshire does better with self-feeders and on outdoor pasture. Mr. Taylor can't figure out how the noses of Canadian Yorkshires got the way they are, but he figures a little cross-breeding with English stock should straighten them out.

Advantage of crossing the Canadian Yorkshire with an English York rather than with any other breed, of course, is that offspring can still be registered as purebred Yorkshires. Some other crosses might help to straighten them out, but the offspring would be cross-breeds.

The Kelmscott pigs, without any special feed other than commercial pig feeds, have been turning out large litters, and the animals have been an average of 42.14 pounds at two months and three days, the average weaning age. Culls which go to market have been fitted at 205 pounds in four and a half months, but the average is five months.

They have proved popular and stock has been sold all across Canada and to the United States. D. A. Ure, Alberta's Minister of Agriculture, has been particularly interested. It is, says Jim Taylor, of his pig farm, a rare opportunity for American and Canadian breeders to get real English Yorks without having them shipped across an ocean. He takes care of that with the ancestors of the pigs he sells.

Only pig families that are known to check in producing true to conformation young ever meet at the Taylor farm. Pigs are either true to Kelmscott standards or they spend a short life battling on weight and go to market.

Dominion Stores Feature New Homemakers Magazine

On Monday, April 16th, Dominion Stores offered their customers a brand-new magazine, especially edited for busy homemakers. Its name is Better Living and its goal is to help women do just that.

This new magazine sells for five cents and is available only through markets which are members of Super Market Institute. The May issue is over 100 pages, the largest first issue in the history of food store distributed magazines.

There are special features on child care, fashions for married women and their teen-agers, four needlecraft articles, one with a novel suggestion for making glamorous tablecloths out of remnants, home decorations, home repairs, how to get the most out of the vacation dollar and family insurance plans.

The May issue will appeal particularly to homemakers. It includes a romance by famous author, Faith Baldwin, and deals with the love stories of seven women all assembled in a handsome doctor's waiting room. Under the guidance of Christine Holbrook, Editor-in-Chief Better Living also contains scores of time-and-money saving ideas to help housewives, faced with spiraling costs of living, get more out of their budget.

One of the important food articles, for example, is entitled "Quick, Easy, Thrifty" and shows housewives how to make six delicious "meals-in-a-dish" at low cost. Putting colour into desserts is another attractive food feature, as is a mouth-watering article on how to use strawberries, fresh and frozen. Christine Holbrook herself has written the feature article on home furnishings. One of the nation's leaders in this field, she tells women how easy it is to create a glamour bedroom on a limited budget.

All in all, there are forty features designed to make housekeeping today more exciting without extravagance.

A newsworthy feature is a special contest entitled, "My Neighbour's Favourite Recipe". Women throughout the nation will win over \$1,000 in merchandise awards. They send to the magazine a favourite recipe of their neighbour's. If it is a winner, both the entrant and her neighbour receive equal prizes; merchandise certificates awarded at the store where the magazine was purchased.

Better Living Magazine goes on sale the 15th of each month at Dominion Stores and costs only five cents.

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Members of Halton Chapter who attended included V. Ex. Comp. E. L. Arnold, Rt. Ex. Comp. George C. Brown, Ex. Comp. Elmer Dron and Ex. Comp. Jack Lucas. There were Masons there from Manotoba, Quebec, New Zealand, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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All persons having claims against the estate of Margaret Jane McColl, late of the Town of Georgetown, Widow, who died on or about the first day of February, A.D., 1951, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of June, A.D., 1951, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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