

Each of these crosses is credited with producing a first-class carcase suitable for export to Britain. The last-mentioned cross (Tamworth-Berkshire or Yorkshire) is one which we in New Zealand are largely adopting, and it is proving of great value in supplying the largest number of our select carcasses to-day. The Large Black-Berkshire cross has only supplied a very small proportion, owing to the fact that breeders have been relinquishing the Large Blacks on account of

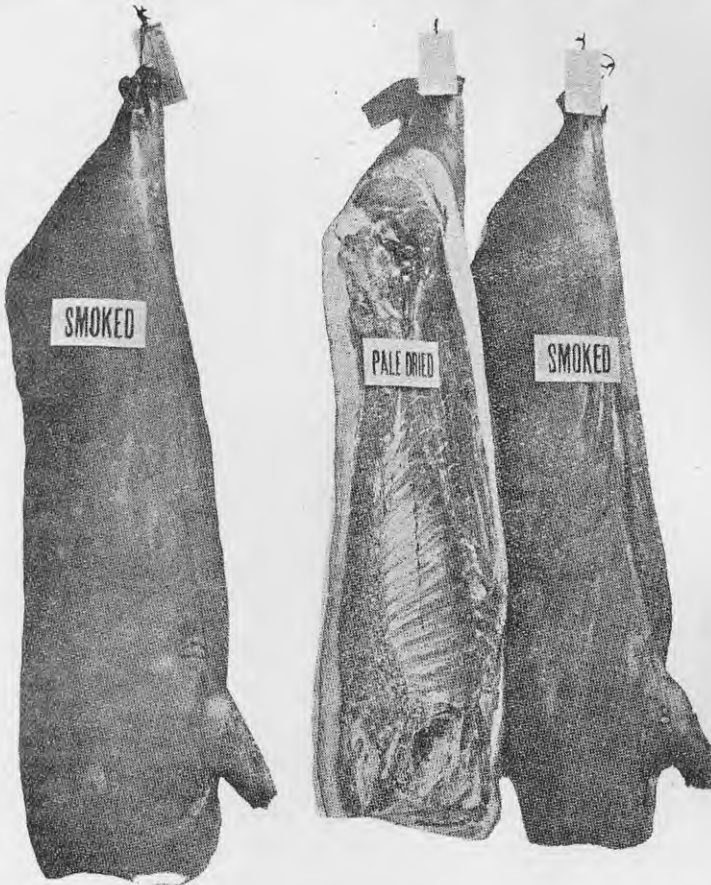


FIG. 4. TYPICAL SIDES OF IRISH BACON AS SOLD IN THE BRITISH MARKET.

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weakened constitution brought about by inbreeding through the want of new blood. This state of affairs may be remedied in future, however. Some high-class representatives of the Large Black and Large White breeds have been presented in England to the New Zealand Government, and it is proposed in due course, after arrival, to place these pigs at one or more of the Agriculture Department's farms. The progeny would subsequently be at the service of breeders. This is a step in the right direction, as it will place us in the position of having in the