

### THE FARM COMES TO TOWN

London sees its first Smithfield Show for 11 years.

At Earls Court, machinery outnumbered animals and emphasizes the trend in agriculture since the Smithfield Club's first exhibition 150 years ago. But it's the cattle that take pride of place.

Led by Highland steers, who have come down from Scotland, 600 of Britain's top animals compete for 7,000 pounds worth of prizes. Right up to the big moment, they are in the hands of the beautifiers.

With Britain's future meat supplies dependent on home produced animals, it's some comfort that the quality of the stock section couldn't be bettered. There was a taste of things to come when nearly half of the exhibits were slaughtered at the end of the show. Champion of all the champions - and also off to the slaughter-house - is Douglas, 15-hundred-pound steer from Rosshire. A few more like him - could give the whole nation a beefy Xmas.