

time, when our manufactures will derive their chief supplies of fine wool from an English colony, at a lower price than that at which they can now be imported from countries, where the severity of the weather renders artificial treatment necessary, and increases the cost of production.

The value of New South Wales wool is attested by the most eminent manufacturers, who state that, independently of the fineness of the fibre, it has the quality of being particularly soft to the touch, partaking in this respect, of the nature of fur, and is, therefore, preferable for various purposes, to wool of any other growth.

As it appears then, that New South Wales presents many exclusive advantages for the extensive production of fine wool, the demand for which is very great, and capable of almost indefinite increase, there can be no doubt that the establishment of merino flocks forms the most important and promising object for the expenditure of capital. The subordinate objects of the Company are—

1st. The breeding of horses, on an extensive scale, for sale in New South Wales and in India.

2nd. The breeding of cattle and other live stock, and the rising of corn, tobacco, &c. for the supply of residents in the colony. The manufacture of salt.

3rd. The introduction, at a more distant time, of wine, olive oil, hemp, flax, silk, opium, &c. as articles of export to Great Britain.

4th. The sale of their land, a progressive advance in the value of which will take place as it becomes improved by cultivation, and by an increased population.

The Directors have it also in contemplation, at a more distant period, to encourage and assist, as far as may be found desirable, the emigration of useful male and female settlers from this country, and to send some families from the south of Europe, acquainted with the mode of cultivating the olive and vine.

To enable the Company to carry their objects into effect, a grant of one million acres of land was made to them in fee simple by His Majesty's Government. This grant has been selected in three locations, viz.—

At Liverpool Plains	about 250,000 acres
Peel's River,	310,000 do.
Port Stephens,	440,000 do.

Of this territory, the Company have the power of leasing, or selling five hundred thousand acres, after the expiration of five years, provided the sum of one hundred thousand pounds shall have been expended on the land, in the formation of roads, the erection of buildings, clearing, cultivating, fencing, draining, or other improvements; and also of alienating any portion of the remaining five hundred thousand acres, by licence from His Majesty's Secretary of State.