

From the following authentic estimate, an idea may be formed of the practicability and advantage of improving the wilderness lands:—

For cutting down, clearing off, fencing, and sowing with wheat and rye, five acres of wilderness land, at the current price of the country, being £4. per acre,	£ 20 0 0
Expence of saving the crop and thrashing,	£ 3 0 0
	<hr/>
	£ 23 0 0

Crop produced per acre, 12 bushels.

5 acres planted.

Produce, bls. 60 at 7s. 6d. per	}	£ 22 10 0
bushel, .. £22 10 0		
Straw, .. £0 0 0		
		<hr/>

By this estimate it will appear that the first crop nearly repays the whole of the expence: the next year the land ought to be planted with potatoes, which restores it; and the year following it will be fit for laying down to meadow, which is usually sown with oats: potatoes and turnips produce well on the new burnt lands, and require no other manure. It is thus the settler progressively advances, until his industry, in a short time, has provided him with the means of keeping a stock of cattle, and of procuring every comfort and luxury the country affords.