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The Farm.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Sheep on rape.—Professor Shaw, of the Minnesota Experiment Station, says that an average crop of rape will sustain from ten to fifteen sheep an acre for sixty days, and that, at the expiration of that period, they ought to be fit for market.

Well, that depends upon the way in which the sheep are treated. If the Lincolnshire (Eng.) plan is followed of turning the flock loose into a field of rape, the crop will not keep so many sheep by a "long chalk," as it would if the plan followed is that pursued in the East and South-East of England, namely, hurdling-off a fresh piece for the flock every day.

Again, if the rape is begun to be fed off when—as we saw recommended in an exchange the other day—it is no more than six or eight inches high, it will not keep half as much stock as it would if allowed to come to pretty near its full growth.

In Cornwall, where owing to the dampness of the climate, rape grows with marvellous rapidity and succulence, we know of a piece of three acres that fattened thirty heavy tegs in ten weeks, without any additional food.

At Sorel, we had three acres of rape, on very poor, worn-out land, manured with 200 lbs. of inferior superphosphate to the acre, on which we fattened—really fattened—27 tegs of the French-Canadian breed, to each of whom were given a

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