

The dollar is taken at 4s. 6d. No allowance is made for maintenance, and it may be said that the expenses are underrated. The above estimate, however, is given upon pretty good data, and as the settler will certainly repeat the wheat crop for at least one or two seasons more without any deterioration, and becomes likewise free owner of land and houses, he may afford to double or treble that item, or to take a smaller return per acre, or a lower price per bushel, and still be very well off. The return was stated to me at 25 or 30 bushels per acre at an average, and a dollar was the price given last season without any particular excitement. The houses are of a superior description, the dwelling-houses being supposed to contain seven or eight rooms, with kitchen and other domestic offices attached.

A good deal of discussion took place before the Emigration Committee, upon the probability of settlers being able to refund a portion or the whole of the sums advanced by Government on their account. Should there be any foundation at all for the statement I have here given, it is abundantly clear, that Mr Wilmot Horton's expectations on that head may be very easily realized.

The tide of emigration is at present setting very strong into Michigan. It is stated in the *Detroit Courier* of 26th May last, "that the sales of public lands, up to 5 o'clock yesterday, amounted to 20,700 dollars! On two several days, they exceeded 5000; one day, 5600. The total amount, in this district alone, since the 1st of March, is 48,727 dollars."

*Products of Michigan*—The cotton plant, the grape-vine, the sweet potato of Carolina, tomato, and the egg plant, were all successfully cultivated last year. The prune-tree will be planted this season. The mulberry is becoming extensively cultivated.

The period cannot be remote when pauperism must become an object of anxious investigation, as it already is of deep solicitude to every wellwisher of his country, and must be followed up with measures of energy and decision adequate to the political and moral importance of the subject.

While it may well be esteemed a dubious policy to pamper population by any permanent system of encouragement,