

When ripe, it should be immediately pulled, and bound as soon as pulled. It has been a mistaken idea of many persons that it benefits flax to lie out to dry, (or cure, as it is termed,) for the reason that it makes the flax coarser and of less weight. After the flax is bound it should be stooked with the seed ends up, in two rows, inclined to each other and meeting at the top, and bundles laid lengthwise on the tops, in order to protect the seeds from injury by dampness, in which form they may remain until ready for thrashing.

THRASHING AND ROTTING.

In almost all fields of flax, there grow two or three different grades, and when the flax is thrashed or seed separated from the bolls, care should be taken to lay in one place the straw of coarsest fibre, and in another the over-ripe, (which is easily distinguished by having the fibre at the seed ends more or less cleaned of the woody part) the finest in a third place. The reason of making these distinctions is, that the time required for rotting varies. The finest fibre being the most difficult to rot, requires the most time, and should be laid out at first. The time required for rotting the over-ripe and coarser is much less.

In rotting flax, it should be spread about a half thicker than it grows, or a ton and a half to the acre. In order that flax may be rotted to the best advantage, it must be spread in the field equally; for the reason that by leaving the flax thicker in some places than others, it produces a variation both in colour and quality. By spreading the flax promiscuously, and without regarding these different qualities, the over-ripe and coarse would be rotted to excess before the fine would be ready for use, and the grower would thereby lose in the weight and the consumer in the quality.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

RETURNS OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Week ending January	8.....	\$ 1858	\$ 1859
" " "	15.....	31,673.29	32,880.17
" " "	22.....	41,911.55.....	39,932.53
" " "	29.....	38,872.67.....	40,126.84
" " February	5.....	35,926.56.....	37,172.44
" " "	12.....	30,697.68.....	35,838.50

RETURNS OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Week ending January	7.....	\$	\$
" " "	14.....	41,075.61.....	30,034.71
" " "	21.....	38,993.72.....	28,225.91
" " "	28.....	38,991.46.....	27,867.15
" " February	4.....	31,840.19.....	33,304.03
" " "	11.....	31,594.39.....	28,406.88
" " "	18.....	32,991.15.....	34,964.26
" " "	25.....	36,367.34.....	35,313.54