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Notes by the Way.

Shropshire sheep. — We are informed that Mr. Fisher, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, has given Mr. W. Hodson, Secretary of the Dominion Live-Stock Association, a commission to buy thirty Shropshire yearling ewes, for distribution among the farmers in certain districts in this province. We believe that the hilly parts of the province will be selected for the purpose, and if the farmers who breed from these ewes will grow rape, vetches, etc., for them and their progeny, so that, after pasturing all day on the hills, they may be folded at eventide on the green-crops, we prophesy a speedy and vast improvement in the yield in grain and hay over the districts in question. But, may we be allowed to ask, why not buy and distribute an equal number of lamb rams of the Hampshire-down strain this summer? They would be quite fit for service by the month of October next, and though the Shropshires are very good, the others are more precocious, the lambs at the great Smithfield Club show, last December, weighing 213 lbs. apiece, liveweight of course, which would probably mean 115 to 118 pounds of carcase! The great Hampshire-down flockmasters almost invariably use lamb-rams for the service of their ewes; 35 to 40 ewes, about, to each ram.

Export of hay. — Another idea of Mr. Fisher is to facilitate the export of hay to England, the high import-duties of the States having rather put a stopper on this branch of trade.

If this project is carried out, we do earnestly hope that our farmers will try the experiment of treating their clover-hay as that crop is treated in England; the first thing to bear in mind is, that the less the clover is meddled with, the better the