

easily reared, and one which is sure to return a large profit annually. In passing through the Townships, at the present time, but few farmers will be found who keep any sheep, and those few have rarely more than twenty to thirty, and generally of inferior quality. I am aware that the wolves are occasionally troublesome to those animals—but this evil is not half so serious as it is generally considered to be. Let every farmer owning from one to five hundred acres of land, furnish himself with from one to five hundred sheep, and let him take pains annually to improve the breed, and he can well afford the extra expense of looking after and securing his flock against the ravages of wolves.

Let me take an estimate of the cost, expenses and income of 500 sheep for three years, and see what inducements are held out to the farmers to enter upon the business.

FIRST YEAR.

First cost of 500 good native sheep, say	
10s. each	£250
Bucks, of best breeds	50
Keeping for one year, at 5s. per head	125
Interest upon £300, for one year	18 £443

INCOME.

3 lbs. of wool each is 1500 lbs. at 1s. 8d..	£125
Say 400 lambs, at 6s. 3d.	125 250

£193

SECOND YEAR.

1 year's interest	11 11 7
1 year's keeping	125 0 0
	£329 11 7

INCOME.

3 lbs. wool each, is 1500 lbs. at 1s. 8d....	£125
400 lambs, at 10s.	200 325

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THIRD YEAR.

1 year's interest	5 5
1 year's keeping	£125
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INCOME.

3 lbs. wool each, is 1500 lbs. improved at 3s.	225
400 lambs, at 10s.	200 425

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