


spring as to the general failure of the fall wheat crop have not been justified by the result. In some parts where it was considered to be hopelessly winter-killed, it recovered wonderfully, and has turned out beyond all expectation. The *Mitchell Advocate* reports "a good yield of fall wheat, both in quantity and quality. One or two farmers have forty and even over forty bushels to the acre." In the newer counties we believe the fall wheat is almost without exception good, while in the older counties, there is more or less complaint of it, but the yield of spring wheat and other crops goes very far toward compensating for the deficiency. One of our exchanges gives a doleful recital as to "the severity of the winter, the midge, the rain, and now the grasshoppers." These we are told have "vented their spleen on the products of the husbandman, and have certainly diminished the yield to a great extent." We do not name the last quoted journal, for inasmuch as another newspaper account of the crops in the region referred to is of a very different character, we incline to the hope that the melancholy report was written under one of those attacks of the blues, to which Editors as well as other people are now and then subject. In several localities there has been very catching weather, and some instances of injury to out-lying crops are reported by our exchanges. The weather has, however, been cool during the prevalence of wet, and in consequence we hear of but little rust and no growing. Very favourable reports are given as to the flax crop, which is turning out well both as to seed and fibre. The *Woodstock Times* states that "one gentleman in that neighbourhood, Mr. J. H. Brown, has about one thousand acres of flax, Mr. Cottle has upwards of one hundred and ten, and Mr. Josiah Campbell of North Norwich has one hundred and twenty acres of flax under cultivation. At the lowest calculation, the seed from this crop will produce \$20 per acre, and the fibre \$30, making a total per acre of \$50,—or on the whole, \$61,500." We can only hope that these figures may be reached, though with all our faith in the remunerativeness of flax, we think the estimate too high.

As to the root crops, potatoes promise to be a splendid yield. We hear accounts of rot in some quarters. Turnips will be a light crop, and in some localities, all but a failure. For some cause or other, the past summer does not appear to have been very


favourable to the growth of this root. Carrots and mangolds are well reported of.

We have observed but little information as to the fruit yield the present season. The small fruits have done well with the exception of strawberries, which turned out but poorly. Our impression is that there will be an average supply of apples, and but a meagre yield of plums. Grapes, of which a considerable number are now planted in various parts of the province, promise a large yield, unless they should be nipped by untimely frosts.

HIGH PRICE OF COTSWOLD RAMS.

 E learn from *Bell's Messenger* that "recently, 54 sheep of the Cotswold breed were sold by Messrs. Lyne and Son, for Mr. W. Lane, at Broadfield, and realized the extraordinary average of £26 18s. 9d. each. Four of the sheep sold for upwards of £100, each, namely, one purchased by Mr. John King Tombs, 110 guineas; another, by Mr. Fletchar, 122 guineas; a third, by Mr. Porter, 126 guineas; and a fourth, by Mr. R. Garne, at 100 guineas. Again at Aldsworth, on the following day (by the same auctioneers), Mr. Brown of Norfolk gave 120 guineas for one sheep, and Mr. Charles Barton 70 guineas for another;

EXTENSIVE BLOOD STOCK SALE ON AUSTRALIA.

 E learn from a British exchange that "wonderful sale of racing stock is reported to have taken place in Australia, which throws even Mr. Blenkiron's last and greatest success into the shade. Some years since, Mr. Hurtle Fisher, who lives near Melbourne, at Maribyrnong, imported from this country a number of our best horses and mares; among them Mr. Parry's Fisherman and Mr. Hawke's Marchioness. On the 10th of last April the Maribyrnong stud was sold by auction. Forty-three horses, of which nine were yearling colts and eight unweaned filly foals, fetched £26,306, rather more than £600 each. The nine yearlings fetched 5055 guineas—502 guineas each; 11 horses and mares in training 11,540 guineas—2049 each; 14 brood mares, 7080 guineas—506 guineas each; and eight unweaned fillies, 2110 guineas—263 guineas each. A four-year old colt by Fisherman — Marchioness fetched 3600 guineas. In spite of the horrors of democracy, Australia cannot be such a bad place after all."