

and there is a prospect of their being steady buyers this autumn from manufacturers' stock if the consumption of silk fabrics is anything like fair. For the present, however, manufacturers are not benefiting by the improved business outlook, and the looms are not so well provided with work as is usual at this time of the year. The policy of buyers, which has been a hand-to-mouth one for some time past, has not changed, and the improvement in the raw silk market has caused no change either in the price obtainable for goods or in buyers' disposition to make large purchases. The summer has been sufficiently rainy to be favorable to the umbrella business, and consequently umbrella silks have done fairly, and are still keeping a good number of looms at work. Tie silks have been ordered for next spring in fair quantities, and export orders for these have been fair. Manufacturers are, therefore, keeping their production of tie silk up to a good level.

AUSTRALASIAN WOOL EXPORTS.

From 1st July, 1893, to 30th June, 1894.

COUNTRY.	1893. Bales.	1894. Bales.	Increase. Bales.	Decrease. Bales.	1892. Bales.
N.S.W.....	724,628	638,892	85,736	—	624,219
Victoria....	461,468	452,870	11,598	—	466,898
S. Australia.	172,431	148,476	23,955	—	156,443
Queensland.	130,388	190,829	—	60,441	184,703
W. Australia.	22,931	16,662	6,269	—	22,512
Tasmania...	15,773	19,274	—	3,501	17,617
N. Zealand..	368,357	345,956	22,401	—	308,861

Totals.....1,898,976 1,812,959 149,159 63,942 1,791,253
Net increase, 86,017.

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FLAX.

Flax thrives in situations from the sea level to very high elevations. It is cultivated in Russia, Italy, Austria, Belgium and other European countries, as well as in Egypt, Turkey, India and China. When grown for fibre it gives a small quantity of seed, but as a seed crop it yields only a coarse fibre.

Flax grown from fibre alone, in Ireland, costs about \$50 an acre for both cultivation and preparation. Irish flax growers pull their crops before the seed is formed to obtain a better quality of fibre. It is proposed now to sacrifice something of the value of the fibre by allowing the seed to mature.

An increased impulse to flax culture in Scotland seems likely to be given by the invention of machinery for scutching the flax. A well-known firm in Leeds is manufacturing a newly invented machine which is said to work to perfect satisfaction, yielding a good fibre, with very little tow, and without breaking or damaging the tenderest fibre of the flax.

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