

properly, and not stowed in the ship's hold during the voyage. Colonial seeds will, in general, answer better than European, but emigrants should not trust exclusively to the chance of being able to procure in the colonies such seeds as they may require. Those seedsmen who have acquired experience and reputation in the various out-ports in making up parcels for exportation, should alone be dealt with. In the clearing of land, burning will nearly supersede the use of the axe, and where this is resorted to, the trees should be merely cut across within a few feet of the ground—*stumped*, to use the colonial phrase—and suffered to decay. It will be necessary to erect pig fences round every cultivated spot.

PHORMIUM TENAX.

The most important of the spontaneous productions of New Zealand, because it offers the most ample scope for the employment of capital, is the flax plant, which grows in all parts of the northern island in great abundance. The quality of the New Zealand flax, its strength of fibre and durability, are proved by the preference given to it by nautical men over any other material used in the manufacture of whale lines and running rigging, as also by the durability of the native mats and fishing nets. Its fibre has been found to sustain a greater weight than is sustained by an equal bulk of Russian hemp; and it is a fact not generally known, that, in France, it is converted, by peculiar processes, into tissues, resembling fine cambric, and also into textures imitative of silk. It is therefore adapted for a most extensive range of consumption, not only by its intrinsic merits as a material, but also by its