

# ABDIE PARISH

INDUSTRY.- The farms are about twenty in number. Their yearly rent from L. 1200 to L. 100, part of which is paid in grain. The leases are for 19 years. The farmers are active, industrious and intelligent, eager to adopt every plan by which the soil or the crops may be meliorated. In consequence of the improved mode of cultivation, and the draining and bringing in of waste land, the quantity of grain raised is greater by one-third than it was at the time of last Report. The farm-steadings are excellent ; most of them lately erected. On all the larger farms there are cot towns, where the servants reside. The men-servants' wages are from L. 10 to L. 12 a-year, with two pecks meal per week; the maid -servants get from L. 5 to L. 7.

The draught horses may be reckoned in number about 200, milch cows, 110. Butter costs 8d per lb. ; cheese, 5d. There are 5 smiths in the parish. When paid by the year, they get as wages L. 13 or L. 14; when by the day, 2s. Iron ploughs are now generally used, one of which costs L. 3, 10s.; a brake of 3 harrows costs L. 3, 6s. ; and a cart, L. 10. There are 3 carpenters besi des apprentices; they get 2s. a-day. There are 3 shoemakers besides servants and apprentices. A pair of shoes costs 9s. There are 2 tailors, paid 1s. 3d. per day with victuals. There are 4 carters ; they earn 5s. a-day; 4 inn-keepers who have too much business; 3 shepherds; 108 weavers, male and female, earn a little more than 1s. per day. Reapers are generally paid at L. 1. 10s. or L. 2 per season, or 12s. per acre, or 3d. or 4d. per thrave. Bell's reaping-machine is used on one of the farms. Every farmer has a thrashing-mill, and the use of the flail is discontinued. A stock-market has been established at Newburgh, and all sorts f grain are disposed of there every week for ready money. Grain and potatoes are exported to a great extent.

POOR.-There are 12 at present on the roll, but the average number may be 7 or 8. They are supported by the session fund, which consists of the interest of L. 320, a small mortification, and the collections at the church door. There are 4 lunatics, 2 furious, and confined in the asylums of Perth and Dundee, 2 others tractable, and kept in the country. The rest are old infirm people. The whole are maintained for about L. 50 a-year, of which the heritors contribute a part by a voluntary assessment. The church collections amount to about L. 14 per annuni. L. 200 of the poors' money was lost lately by the failure of the person in whose hands it was placed.

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