

In the same column as the above article, there appeared an agricultural report for Illawarra which also contains a number of interesting insights. The full text of this report is given below:

AGRICULTURAL REPORT

For

OCTOBER, 1834

ILLAWARRA

The **wheat** throughout the district looks remarkably well, and if the weather continues as warm and fine a week or two longer, the reaping hook will be actively in use in a fortnight hence. Slight appearance of rust is visible in some patches of a few fields, but nothing to cause the farmers to be dissatisfied with their crops generally.

Maize --- Persons who are planting largely are still busily engaged in that occupation now. That planted at the commencement of the month is up and looks healthy and vigorous. The land, from the late and frequent showers, is in the best possible state for the reception of seed.

Potatoes --- This crop looks well.

Vineyards --- The vines here have made strong shoots this season and present a good show of *set* grapes.

Horses and Neat Cattle are in good condition, and the milch cows having a plentiful supply of grass and water, furnish the dairies with large quantities of milk.

We understand that Mr. George Brown of Illawarra, has the contract for building a new **Court-house**, lock-up and cells at Wollongong.

Major Mitchell has very much gratified the inhabitants of Illawarra, by already furnishing them with a chart of his new line of road to and through the district. Those who are in the affair can also view a plan of the intended township of Wollongong at the Police-office there. The design is good, the site suitable, and the plan neatly executed.

How much history can fit into one short newspaper report? Here we have the first town plan, the first surveyed road, the contract for the first real court house, and the beginning of rust in the wheat. And please note, it was then Illawarra, not *the* Illawarra.