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Every age has its peculiarities, and so has the present; "how to make money," is not only a peculiarity of the present age, but one of its principal idols. Where shall I go, or what shall I do, in order to "make money?" is the universal cry. Consequently, as money-making is now the order of the day, and as he who conducts a public paper must, in order to have his writings perused, show how money can be most advantageously made; we propose that those who can do so,

TRY AGRICULTURE.

All cannot be professional men; all cannot be officers of State, rich merchants, bankers, etc.; some—the mass of society—must pursue physical labour, in order to procure a livelihood; and if any one of the various industrial avocations in life, the pursuit of which is more profitable than another, we believe, (in these provinces) it is agriculture. Our lumbering, shipbuilding, mechanical, and manufacturing pursuits, in general, have failed to reward their pursuers with a sufficiency to supply the actual wants of life; these pursuits have done but little towards the substantial advancement of the country; they have been the means of overstocking the country with a floating population, who are affected by every panic in commerce.

We do not pretend to underrate the advantages arising out of the prosecution of this class of the industrial pursuits; but we do say that the proportion of the population engaged in them is too great;—we want more cultivators of the soil; we want more labourers in the field, even if we have less in the shipyards and lumber woods. We fully admit the necessity of keeping all departments of business in a healthy state; we must have roads, railroads, telegraph lines, towns