

from which they can only be debarred from the want of a useful education. If I have failed to prove to them, that judicious instruction is necessary for them, and calculated to enable them to increase vastly their means of enjoyment and happiness in this life, I will regret it extremely, and hope sincerely that some person more competent may take up the subject. That I should fail in bringing conviction to the minds of those whom I address cannot be attributed to any circumstance that would be unfavourable to the introduction of general and useful education, but rather to my inability to execute ably the task I had the presumption to undertake. I hope they will believe me when I assure them that I am not actuated by motives of self-interest in what I now write, or have hitherto written on agricultural improvement, but so far as I may be benefitted by the general improvement of the country, in common with themselves. On the contrary, I have made, what was to me, *a large sacrifice of my time, and money*, by some of my publications, that I do not expect to be refunded to me. I do not complain of this, because I have acted voluntarily throughout, but certainly without profit to myself. This is not an idle boast, but must be known to many who may read these lines. I would not allude to these circumstances, but in order that I may stand acquitted of motives that might be prejudicial to the impression I would fain hope this address may have on those for whom it is written. I am neither employed to write or paid for it, or am I interested in recommending to agriculturalists what would not benefit them. Though I own my birth to another country, and have all the attachment which I ought to have to the country of my fathers, yet I am in heart and feelings so much a true Canadian, as to prefer the interests of the country of my adoption,