

tention should specially, therefore, be directed to the introduction of settlers from the agricultural classes of Europe. Thousands of this class can find locations where, with industry, sobriety and economy, they may make themselves homes in our midst—may make better provisions for themselves and families than can be done in their native land. Active exertions will prevent our native population from seeking to better their condition in the neighboring Republic, and induce those now there, perhaps temporarily at first, to return to the home of their fathers; and all this can be done, and much more too, if our own people are true to themselves, go rightly to work, and assisted and aided as such efforts certainly will be by the Government—whoever forms it—we may safely and confidently hope that the agricultural prosperity of our Province will be increased, and Quebec become a resting place and home for thousands upon thousands in a short time to come. (Loud cheers.)

As bearing upon agriculture, let me also allude in a few words to the necessity of affording every facility to our young men in acquiring

AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Many suppose that comparatively little education is necessary to fit young men to become farmers. In fact, that any one not exactly fitted for any other pursuit is good enough for a farmer. Another idea prevails too much, that farming, if not perhaps disreputable or disgraceful, is, on the whole, rather a low calling, and is associated in the minds of many with hard dirty work—with ignorance of what is going on in the world, and no taste for literary information or intellectual culture of any kind. Language of this sort prevails too much. A greater fallacy never existed, and the sooner such nonsense gets dissipated the better.

We have, it is true, many honorable instances of gentlemen of wealth, intelligence, of mental culture, giving their attention to agricultural pursuits—gentlemen whose valuable assistance is always ready—on our Board of Agriculture, in our local Agricultural Societies—ready to contribute