

regard to the extent of this pursuit, but more especially as to the character of the men engaged in it. The lumbermen on the Upper Wisconsin, are not only men of means to prosecute the business with eminent success, but they have the further qualifications of intelligence, energy and perseverance, so indispensable in any pursuit, in a degree equal to that possessed by men engaged in any of the vast pursuits of the country or age in which they live. The proof is in the reduction by them, in a few short years, of those wild wastes into a land of productive industry, equalled by no other in the State—scarcely in the West. The character of the Wisconsin lumbermen for honesty, intelligence and astuteness in business, will not suffer in comparison with that of any other class, at home or abroad.

We have thus given an imperfect and hasty view of the lumbering business on this river; although large, and hitherto that which has led to the settlement of the country, it must not be supposed that it has exclusive possession, or is, in future, at least, to be the only pursuit here. *Agriculture*—the cultivation of the soil, has already begun to engage the attention of many.

It is within the recollection, doubtless, of many of our readers, that the region about Galena and Dubuque, was for many years pending the early operations of mining, entirely neglected for purposes of agriculture. The lands were not considered fit for such purposes. As soon as the inhabitants found time to prove them, they were ascertained to be exceedingly rich and productive. The case is quite similar in the Upper Wisconsin country. Our lands, which were at first regarded barrens, are found to be excellent, and farming, as a legitimate business, is now becoming an institution of the country.

The Indian title to the "Indian Lands," was extinguished in 1848; this opened the whole Upper Wisconsin country to the settler. In 1852, the lands were brought into market, at